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WE PLANT WITH JOY, OR SOW WITH TEARS,
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FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING,
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PHILADELPHIA, PENN., OCTOBER 23-28, 1885.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church began Friday, October 23d, at 10 A. M., with the President, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, in the chair. The exercises were opened by Bishop Walden. After prayer the audience, led by Mrs. W. L. Boswell, sang the hymn :

"Jesus, lover of my soul."

Rev. A. Longacre, D. D., pastor of Arch Street Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced by Mrs. Hayes, and welcomed the convention in the following words:

LADIES—It is my privilege to give the welcome of the Methodist preachers of Philadelphia to you, our sisters of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

In no other city should your welcome be as cordial as in this; for here, in the very beginning, two centuries ago, when our Quaker ancestors laid the foundations of their State and Church, women were acknowledged to have the same right as men to preach the Gospel, and to discuss and to decide the affairs of the Church. They were in advance of the rest of the world then, and they reaped the benefit of that advance in cultivating a type of womanhood lifted above the common vanities attributed to the sex—plain in speech and in attire, indifferent to the elegant luxuries of living, but thoughtful, earnest, and trained in all good works. Women such as these have always been prominently active in all our public charities. In such a city you have every right to feel at home.

By degrees the world is coming to read in a fuller light the old Bible word used to express God's idea of woman's sphere, "an helpmeet" for man. People used to think it indicated a lower place than his, a sort of servant, or nurse, or plaything, or at least an humble friend. It dawns upon them now that if man is king, woman is queen, of the world; that in

every service and relation she is his strong and heroic partner and fellow-worker, only truer, purer, braver, better than himself—doing uncomplainingly her own work and then helping him to do his. When was there an hour or an emergency in any man's life when a woman was not his best helper?

Of course, we preachers have always known your value in the quieter life of the Church. Three-fourths of her membership, you have done a large part of all that has been done to win souls and to carry forward the good work of God. But in spite of our Church's history, and notwithstanding our polite tributes to the "women of Methodism," I am afraid it must be confessed that when you began to move out into broader fields, we were somewhat slow of heart to believe in your ability and qualifications. We were not sure you could accomplish what you undertook. We doubted your skill in financial matters. We were afraid you would not hold out against the inevitable checks and disappointments that attend all true work. And we had misgivings lest you might not steer clear of uncomfortable complications with our masculine activities. We did not say we feared you might take the wind out of our sails, and so beat us in the race; we were only anxious lest a collision with us might sink your frailer craft.

But, "seeing is believing." Your work speaks for itself. Years ago we saw you, with hearts burdened with an intense sympathy for your sisters in heathen lands, whom men could not have access to, and exalted by the conviction of your responsibility to God for them, begin the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. We have seen your labor, your persistence, your sincere devotion; and now your success is one of the marvels of the Church, and it must forever silence doubts and objections. At the last General Conference you saw how the brain and heart and authority of the Church responded to your call.

It was to be expected that, sooner or later, you would remember the other half of the missionary work, the work at home. In the general Missionary Society of the Church the two were never separated. That has always cared for the new places and the destitute places in our own country. We do not wonder that your hearts have opened to the cry of the needy women all over the land, of the enfranchised women of color in the South, of the immigrant women of all nations, the forlorn Chinese women, and, may I not say with special emphasis, the wretched Indian women, whose homes we occupy, and who have been and to-day are the most neglected of all.

We rejoice that you have risen up for this great work. We acknowledge heartily the blessing your work has already been in our Churches, where your presence and your good words kindle afresh all hearts. The thrill of your touch is felt wherever you go. You not only awaken our people to larger liberality for the cause you advocate, you draw them onward to a deeper personal consecration, and to nobler views of life. You

come among us, and many a careless woman's heart opens to things higher than the trifles and ornaments of life, and many a hard and narrow round of duty catches the hallowing inspiration of sympathy with the need of the world. You stimulate us. Your zeal and self-sacrifice, your persistent and patient faithfulness, teach us to try to be better workmen for God.

We give you our heartiest welcome, and pray God to bless you.

This address was followed by one from Rev. T. A. Fernley, requesting that a delegation of ladies visit the Preachers' Meeting at 1018 Arch St., the ensuing Monday, in behalf of the Society here convened.

Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, President of the Philadelphia Conference Society, gave the address of welcome, as follows:

DEAR FRIENDS—We rejoice to-day in an ending and a beginning. The work of preparing for this meeting has come to an end, and its session has already begun. And now in behalf of the ladies of Philadelphia I extend to you a most cordial welcome. But, ladies, this does not express it, for the young housekeeper could not look forward with more interest to the first visit of her parents to her new home than the ladies of the Philadelphia auxiliaries have looked for this first visit of the parent Society to this city. As I look into your faces to-day I can not refrain from saying, "Behold what hath God wrought," for it is only a little over two years since our beloved Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Rust, in one of her flights over the land, stopped long enough in the old city of Lancaster to organize and name our first auxiliary; and she left it in the care of a few ladies who really did not know what it was nor what to do with it. But as the hymn expresses it, we took "it to the Lord in prayer," for we knew that if the work was his he would teach us how to do it. We also knew that "if we commit our ways unto him" he has promised to "direct our steps;" and he did.

It seemed a little presumptuous to some for us to invite the Executive Board to hold its Fourth Annual Meeting in this city; but, ladies, it gives me great pleasure to say that the very best Methodist homes in Philadelphia have been thrown open for your reception, and the best church has been most generously granted for your use, for which we "thank God and take courage." But, there is a higher motive than all this in our assembling together to-day. We meet as a company of God's children, to do his work and to plan for the future. If we can only realize the blessed privilege of being made a co-laborer with him in the redemption of this world for Christ, we shall be enabled to claim the promised fitness for this work; for in preparing for this meeting we did not forget to ask that at the very commencement we might have the conscious sense of the presence of that Spirit that will guide into all truth, and that the Master of assemblies would be with us in all our deliberations. The work before us, I know, is great, but the spirit and wisdom of God are greater, for that spirit which he has promised us "is not of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound

mind." What then have we to fear, if we have been made heirs of God.

We bid you thrice welcome, for we realize that we need the benefit of your experience, that we may know how to work better for the heathen Indian women of America, the Chinese women on the Pacific coast, the down-trodden sisters of Africa, and the enslaved homeless Mormon women, and that we may go forth from this meeting with more of the spirit of consecration, and better fitted to work for God, and home, and native land, "for love of Christ and in his name."

Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, of Cleveland, O., who had been appointed to respond to the address of welcome in behalf of the Executive Board, was detained at home by illness.

Mrs. J. I. Boswell, of Newark, N. J., made a brief response as a representative of the ladies in the East. She deeply regretted the absence of Mrs. Hoyt, to whose more elaborate address she had only expected to add a postscript; and expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Philadelphia ladies for the royal welcome to their hospitable city and homes. She believed Philadelphia to be more in sympathy with our Home Missionary movement than any of our other large cities, because of its peculiarly favored history. With its foundations based on the principles of *justice* and *morality*—with the spirit of civil and religious liberty animating its people—with its special provisions whereby comfortable homes are provided for its laboring classes, it is to-day a striking illustration of the blessings that will result from the principles our Society is aiming to inculcate in the hearts of our entire people. She earnestly appealed to the delegates to remember that they are representative women, united for purifying and elevating the home; and said the sad cry of the Roman poet amid the evils that led to the overthrow of the Roman Empire comes echoing to our ears with peculiar force in times like these:

"Our Times with sin prolific, first with taint have cursed the family and home—

This is the fountain head of all the sorrows and the ills that fall on Romans and on Rome."

Recognizing the peculiar blessings that we have enjoyed as American women, and believing that the safety and perpetuity of our own homes are endangered by the moral degradation of millions of women in our own land, we have banded ourselves together to aid in the redemption of our beloved America.

She rejoiced that we have as our leader one under whose influence the most conspicuous home of our great Republic illustrated the principles of purity, total abstinence, and reverence for the Sabbath. After invoking the divine blessing on all who were to participate in the Convention, she closed with the salutation of Amasa to

David at a critical period in Israel's history, "Thine are we, and on thy side. Peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee!"

Following this response the President of the Society, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, addressed the Convention, as follows:

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church finds our Society in a condition of prosperity so marked and so encouraging, that our first duty is with grateful hearts to return thanks for the signal blessings which by the Divine favor have been showered upon us. The past year has been emphatically a year of growth. The official reports which will be made to this meeting will, it is believed, show a large and most gratifying increase of Conference organizations, of auxiliary societies, of juvenile societies, and of membership. A corresponding gain will appear in the funds and other means of usefulness in the benevolent work which we have undertaken to do.

At our annual meeting held in Cleveland it was our sad duty to record the death of Bishop Simpson, whose name in connection with our work gave to it strength and dignity, and whose tender sympathy and wise counsel will be remembered by us all. So, to-day, our mutual congratulations, on the advance of the cause in which we are engaged, are mingled with feelings of deepest sadness as we recall the death of Bishop Wiley. He died soon after our last meeting, at his post of duty, in Foochow, China. To us his death is an especial affliction and an irreparable loss. From the earliest beginnings of our enterprise he was our trusted and earnest adviser and helper. Thoroughly acquainted with the foreign field of missionary labor, and personally engaged in it during many of the most active years of his life, he was so well persuaded that missionary work at home furnished the only sure foundation for success and progress abroad, that he gave his whole influence and power to the organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and to its recognition and adoption by the Church. We shall always remember him as the accomplished scholar, the eloquent and devoted preacher, and as our wise, generous, and loving friend in the days of our weakness and greatest need. It is for us to bear in mind, while we cherish his memory that the most honorable memorial we can erect to him will be to carry forward to triumphant success our benevolent work, which he did so much to inaugurate and establish.

Mrs. John Davis, first Vice-president, and Chairman of the Executive Board, in assuming the duties connected with the business sessions spoke of the aid which our President had given to her in early school-days, and said that now she is happy to aid Mrs. Hayes in return.

Mrs. Davis explained that the Board of Managers of this Society

is composed of the Executive Board, which consists of the general officers, and twelve managers, resident in or near Cincinnati, and the Corresponding Secretary, and one delegate from each Conference society.

Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Recording Secretary, nominated as her assistants, Mrs. W. A. Ingham, of Cleveland, O.; Miss Martha Van Marter and Miss Mary A. Lathbury, both of New York City; and they were elected.

The Secretary called the list of the Conferences, and the delegates took the seats assigned them.

Mrs. Willing offered the following resolutions, and they were adopted.

Resolved, 1. That where the delegate has not been duly elected to represent a Conference, ladies present from that Conference be requested to nominate one of their number to represent the Conference, this body confirming the choice.

2. That where only one lady is present from a Conference she be appointed to represent her Conference.

3. In view of the fact that Mrs. Mogg, the Conference Secretary of the Central New York Conference, is not able to be present, it is moved that Mrs. Spencer, the outgoing Corresponding Secretary, be requested to take her place in this meeting.

Three ladies were appointed a Committee on Enrollment and Credentials: Mrs. M. Cogley Reynolds, Mrs. B. E. Gordon, Mrs. E. M. Coombs.

Mrs. Davis, Chairman of the Executive Board, presented her annual address, as follows:

DEAR SISTERS—Four years ago, at our first Annual Meeting, we met as strangers—now we meet and greet each other as dear friends. Few ties are stronger than those which grow out of efforts to advance the kingdom of our divine Savior, especially when these efforts involve hard work, self-denial, faith, prayer, love, and perhaps enough opposition to keep every energy on the alert and eager, without the indulgence of a single unkind thought or action. I believe such are the relations we hold to our work and to each other. Twelve months ago we separated from you, each going our individual way, each freighted with our several duties. You assured us of your confidence in us by putting into our hands graver responsibilities and larger trusts than ever before. We return to you a little as tired children might come home to the paternal roof, as pupils might come to their *alma mater*. We bring you, through our Corresponding Secretary, a detailed statement of our work for your scrutiny, possibly for your criticism; we hope it may be for your approval. It goes without saying that you have been very busy people since we parted at Cleveland last year. It is hard work, even drudgery, to put upon its feet in good working order any enterprise at all comprehensive. It means often wakeful nights, aching shoulders, tired feet and hands. Perhaps in your case you have been doing this work while at the same time you have been crowded with domestic and social duties; perhaps you have had indifferent health; perhaps have

had to use your own limited means to meet the expenses of the work. Perhaps, after long and painstaking care, you had, as you supposed, succeeded in getting your auxiliaries in your Conference all settled into fine working order, and you felt you could draw a sigh of relief and take your ease for an hour or two, when behold you suddenly saw that the "little foxes" had stolen in and spoiled the vines, or your societies were inefficient, or apathetic, or had become disintegrated, or perhaps transmuted into something else, and you had to begin again and re-construct and re-officer, and re-kindle the cooling zeal. Perhaps your own sense of solitude has overcome you at bearing an unshared burden, and you have been constrained to cry out in your discouraged hour and moments of flagging faith, "I wonder, I wonder if it pays! Is this work necessary? If so, is there not some existing organization that can carry it on and save me all this wear and tear of mind, body, and estate?"

Well, dear sisters, we at our end of the line can match you. Neither is your Executive Committee "carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease." Neither do we "eat the bread of idleness." We too, with Faber, find it hard

"To rise and take God's part
Upon the battle-field of life,
And not sometimes lose heart."

There has hardly been an hour since we parted from you last year that our hands, heads, and hearts have not been absorbed in this work. It may do you good to know this, it may bring us all nearer together. Neither you nor we complain of this. There is a fitting time to tell the truth to each other. Through these confidences we learn to share each other's burdens. We have the example of the great Apostle to the Gentiles, who summed up with his overmastering eloquence into one grand total what he endured for Christ's sake only to exalt the motive which constrained him, and the power which supported him. I read a sermon the other day, written by a young minister, a mere lad, whom I had seen grow up from babyhood. His text was "The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me." He dealt with his subject as if he were a veteran, and made my eyes rain with tears as he touched upon the reward that comes back to the disciple who does his poor little service for those who have no helper, in the name of the Master—how small the labor and how abundant the return. I wanted to put my head down in the dust. I found in a little book an old truth put in a new way, new to me at least, and it so thrilled me that, though you may have seen it, I will give it to you. The writer dwelt upon the union of Christ and the believer, as was shown by the Savior's own analogy between the vine and the branches. He said the branches, not the vine, bore the fruit. As the branches could do nothing without union with the vine, so the vine was equally dependent on the branches—could not bear fruit without the branches. How wonderful that our Creator and Savior should put himself under obligation to his

disciple. What infinite condescension in the divine economy to put such infinite dignity on the disciple. Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in thy sight. Do not such thoughts as these take the ache and drudge out of our work?

At your meeting of last year you created a Bureau of Organization, giving to the Executive Board the power to elect its Secretary. Mrs. J. F. Willing, of Chicago, was unanimously elected to that office at the first meeting succeeding the Annual Meeting. She has given to the Society most effective and valuable service, as those of you who read her monthly reports in *Woman's Home Missions* will testify. The Executive Board volunteered the payment of the salary of the Secretary for one year without taxing the general fund.

We bring to you a few recommendations for your consideration. The Executive Board feels the need of relief from too great a pressure of business. So unsparing have been the demands upon the time of the ladies that they have many of them been obliged to intermit their constant attendance upon the meetings. We come to you for measures of relief. In the early months of the year we became legally incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, thus enabling us to hold property, and legally transact business. The act called for the creation of a Business Committee. This Committee consists of seven members of the Board, for the transaction of business *ad interim*, four of whom constitute a quorum. This has been a relief in releasing a number of our ladies from coming together so frequently, but still the business had to be transacted, and the few were burdened instead of all. You will recall that all the details of business must, in the present plan, come before us for final decision. I will not take your time to even hint at how much this means, except to say that the work has accumulated so rapidly that it is impossible, with all our vigilance, to do full justice to it.

You will remember that in an effort to reach this difficulty two years ago, Bureaus of Information were formed, composed of ladies living in different sections of the country, with duties defined in the resolution that created them. The theory we still believe to be good, though it fell short of accomplishing all we hoped.

Last year we tried the method of forming committees on *States and Territories*, with two members of our Board on each Committee, not with a view of superseding the existing Bureaus, but in the hope of keeping ourselves as a Board more thoroughly informed. This, too, has been only measurably successful. We now come to you with a recommendation that the original Bureaus be clothed with enlarged responsibilities—our Secretary will read the resolutions in due time. We are by no means sure that even this division of work will relieve the situation, and only present it tentatively as a suggestion. We want you to give the subject your most careful consideration—believing as we do that it is one of the most important that will come up for deliberation at this meeting.

Ever since the formation of our Society a pressure has been brought to bear upon us to adopt some method by which local mission work of the different charges could be included as a part of our work. This plea has been urged so constantly by the pastors and other officials that if we *would*, we could not lose sight of it. Last year, at our request, Mrs. Culver prepared a very suggestive paper on this subject, which was read before us and published in the Annual Report; also Rev. J. B. Cory, of Cleveland, sent to our Board, where it received due consideration, a thoroughly digested plan for city missionary work. At the request of the Board, Mrs. W. G. Williams, of Delaware, Ohio, took these two papers and others, and crystallized them into the form of resolutions or recommendations. They were duly considered, and will be presented to you for your action.

The Board has been greatly strengthened and encouraged by the presence at monthly meetings of its members from a distance. Mrs. Hayes comes to us from Fremont, a day's journey; Mrs. Hoyt from Cleveland, also a day's journey; Mrs. Williams and Mrs. McCabe, from Delaware, and Mrs. Runyan from Xenia; and that, too, with very little expense to the Society.

I hope it will not be considered out of place in me to take this occasion to refer to the faithful work of the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Secretary of the Bureau of Organization. I would gladly enlarge upon this, but that I know they would deprecate any thing like eulogy. It is right that you who selected these ladies should have the assurance from one who knows, perhaps better than any one else, that they have been indefatigable in performing their duties.

Mrs. Ingham presented greetings from Mrs. F. S. Hoyt and Mrs. W. R. Santley, of North Ohio Conference, both ill; also from Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Pope, and Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Norcross, of East Ohio Conference.

Mrs. Willing moved that formal recognition be made especially of those ladies disabled by illness. She also moved that the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the By-law relating thereto. This By-law reads as follows:

The Committee on Finance and Mission Fields shall consist of the President of the Society and the Chairman of the Executive Board, the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer, together with the Conference Secretaries present at any Annual Meeting, and five other persons chosen by the Annual Meeting.

The motion was adopted, and Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Mrs. S. W. Thomson, Mrs. D. B. Tracy, Mrs. O. M. Fitzgerald, and Mrs. J. F. Willing were chosen.

On motion, the Committee was enlarged, and Mrs. Bishop Simpson and Mrs. Bishop Walden were added.

The Committee on Order of Business was appointed, as follows: Mrs. J. F. Willing, Mrs. S. A. Mather, Mrs. J. I. Boswell.

Mrs. A. R. Clark moved that the Committee on Nominations be appointed, and read the By-law relating thereto, as follows:

The Committee on Nomination of Officers for the Society shall consist of seven members, three of whom shall be members of the Executive Board;

And the Convention proceeded to appoint the following ladies: Mrs. W. F. Thorne, Mrs. Wm. Runyan, Mrs. E. House, Mrs. E. E. Royer, Mrs. J. H. McCarty, Mrs. C. B. Fisk, Mrs. J. Hollingshead.

A Committee on Place of Annual Meeting was appointed: Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Mrs. S. S. Strong, Mrs. V. A. Cooper.

The Committee on Resolutions was constituted thus: Mrs. Charles F. Springer, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. J. M. Carr, Mrs. C. W. Smith, Miss Maria Newhall.

Mrs. Davis stated that the hour for adjournment this morning will be 12.30 P. M., and that the afternoon session will begin at 2 P. M.

Notices of the meeting of Committees were given.

Mrs. Willing, Secretary of the Committee on Order of Business, offered a resolution, which was adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the order for this afternoon shall be: 1. Reception of Fraternal Delegates; 2. Report of Corresponding Secretary; 3. Report of Committee on *Woman's Home Missions*; 4. Reports of Conference Secretaries.

Rev. C. W. Buoy, on behalf of the ladies of Philadelphia, invited the members of the Convention and their friends to a lunch provided in the church parlors.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn.

Friday Afternoon.

THE CONVENTION was called to order shortly after 2 o'clock by Mrs. Hayes. The hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was sung; and the audience united in repeating the Lord's prayer.

Mrs. Davis resumed the chair, and called for the minutes of the morning session, which were read by Mrs. Ingham, and approved.

The Committee on Order of Business, through its Secretary, Mrs. Willing, presented the following resolution, which after some discussion was adopted:

Resolved, That the morning sessions open at 9 o'clock, and close at 12 M.; and that the first half hour of each morning session be given to devotional exercises conducted by persons whom the chair shall appoint. That the afternoon sessions open at 2 o'clock, and close at 4 P. M., after which committees shall go into session.

Mrs. Davis in a few happily chosen and catholic words welcomed and introduced the Fraternal Delegates.

Mrs. Mary Sparkes Wheeler, President of the Philadelphia Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, spoke as follows:

MRS. PRESIDENT AND LADIES—As a representative of the Philadelphia Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society it becomes my pleasant duty to present to you the Christian greetings of that body, and to welcome you in the name of our Elder Brother, the Lord Jesus Christ, whose servants ye are, and whose imperative command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," includes ever human being, at home, or abroad.

We hail you as one division of the great army of consecrated Christian women who are rising up all over the land and going forth at God's command to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, bind up the broken-hearted, rescue the perishing; yea more, to arouse those who are dead in trespasses and sins, and point them to the omnipotent One, who is able to save them with the powers of an endless life. We would not, with John, forbid you because you follow not with us, because you are not of our organization. We remember Jesus said: "Forbid them not, for he that is not against us is on our part." Rather would we welcome you, clasping hands in sisterly love and Christian friendship, for ye are on our part. You are aiding in the great work of the world's redemption.

"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh in all. For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." There is room enough in the Churches for all these benevolent and soul-saving institutions, or organizations, if the women of the Churches are alive to the work. Lord Nelson said, when about to engage in one of the greatest conflicts of his life: "England expects every man to do his duty!" and the Captain of our salvation, who first revealed his risen glory to woman, and sent her forth with the first glad message of salvation through the power of that resurrection, not to a female prayer-meeting alone, but said, "Go tell my disciples and *Peter* I am risen from the dead"—that Jesus, the same yesterday to-day and forever, *expects every woman to do her duty*. There is a vast residuum of power pecuniary, intellectual, and moral now lying undeveloped among the hundreds of thousands of our Methodist women to-day. O that God would put his power upon us, and send us forth as heralds of the cross everywhere throughout our land!

"Woman's quick susceptibility," said Bishop Wiley, "is an admirable trait in her character, adapting her to this great work. It enables her so readily to detect human sorrow and human need. It enables her to have a more vivid perception of the provisions made by redeeming love, and of the privileges flowing from it. She perceives the readiest mode of gaining access to the hearts of those whom she would benefit, and at the same time exercises a power

of persuasion which frequently prevails where other means have failed;" and continues the Bishop, "we often think that the hearts of women must sometimes really yearn to hear Christ declared by woman's lips, to catch the inspiration in all its delicacy from a woman's heart." We once read this quotation in the presence of Bishop Wiley. Afterward he said to us: "I had forgotten, until I heard you repeat it, that I had ever said so bright a thing." Indeed, we replied, it was a bright thing, Bishop, and we love to repeat it.

God has said, "Many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased," and from North to South, from East to West the multitudes are traveling swiftly as the wind, while thought flies on the wings of the lightning. We can no longer excuse ourselves because of ignorance for we hear the wail of want, and the cry of anguish from the Indians of the extreme North and West, from the heathen Chinese on the Pacific coast, from the Freedmen of the South, and from thousands of neglected poor all over our land in every hamlet and city.

It is not enough for us that *we* are happy, that *our* wants are supplied, while thousands of those for whom Jesus died are spending dark hours in hopeless pain, with anguish nameless because too great for utterance, with deepest gloom pressing upon the trembling soul, while every prop seems taken from life's receding shore. Christ has commissioned us in his stead to go to them, to cheer and comfort, and sustain them and help them on to God. Not only do these need our ministrations, but we need the reflex influence that comes to our hearts as the result of this work.

A short time ago I met a physician whom I knew in early life. Years had flown since I had seen him, and I began eagerly to inquire after our mutual friends of former years. How is Clara C? I asked (a young lady of rare beauty and accomplishments, the life of the social circle everywhere she moved). "Well," he replied "you know she married—married well—a grand man—one of nature's noblemen; she also married a fortune financially. You know she had as much wealth as any woman ought to be burdened with before. But she is one of the most unhappy persons I ever knew."

"You surprise me, doctor; what is the cause of it?"

"I think I can tell you. Her family is small. Her husband very indulgent, every wish is gratified—every want supplied, and she has *nothing to do* only to nurse her imaginary ills. Every season she takes various tours for pleasure, but returns disappointed with a want in her heart which mere pleasure seeking will never satisfy, and heart-sick she comes to me for treatment. I tried to get her to adopt an orphan, but she could not think of it. I next suggested taking flowers to a hospital. She ordered the flowers *sent*, so lost the benefit she would have derived had she carried them herself, and spoken a few kind words to help₂ heal the sorrows of others."

We thought of the lady of whom Hood writes, who awakened on her downy and silken bed, trembling with fear, crying, "O that terrible dream!" She had dreamed that all the suffering, sorrowing ones of earth whom she might have helped passed in a long procession before her. Their eyes were fixed upon her with the same look of want and woe, as when she coolly passed them by; but now he look pierces her heart. She prays to be relieved from the gaze of those eyes, for she says: "The everlasting retrospect will sink my hapless soul!" Of her own life she says:—

"I drank the richest draughts;
And ate whatever is good,
Fish, and flesh, and fowl, and fruit,
Supplied my hungry mood;
But I never remembered the wretched ones
That starve for want of food!"

"I dressed as the noble dress,
In cloth of silver and gold,
With silk and satin and costly furs,
In many an ample fold;
But I never remembered the naked limbs
That froze with Winter's cold."

"The wounds I might have healed!
The human sorrow and smart!
And yet it never was in my soul
To play so ill a part.
But evil is wrought by want of thought
As well as want of heart."

We sometimes sing, "O the hearts that we may lighten, helping just a little." Is not the work blessed? Are we not honored in being co-laborers with Christ? God has promised that, "A cup of cold water given to a disciple in the name of a disciple shall not lose its reward."

A Russian soldier, one very cold, piercing night, kept duty between one sentry-box and another. A poor workingman, moved with pity, took off his coat and lent it to the poor soldier to keep him warm; adding that he would soon reach home, while the soldier would be exposed out-of-doors for the night. The cold was so intense that the soldier was found dead in the morning. Some time afterward the poor man was laid on his death-bed, and, in a dream, saw Jesus appear to him. "You have got my coat on," said the man. "Yes, it is the coat you lent to me that cold night when I was on duty, and you passed by. 'I was naked, and you clothed me.'" There are many here to-day who will hear the same words from the lips of Christ.

Again we welcome you, and pray God's blessing upon this band of Christian workers. Our hopes, aims, and aspirations are one, and our hearts are all beating high with the hopes of heaven. Let us labor on at God's command, until the Master says: "It is enough! Come up higher!" and then may we clasp hands in the kingdom divine, where "streams of pleasure ever flow, and every heart is love."

Mrs. R. S. Rust responded, and spoke of the presence of Mrs. Wheeler at a meeting preliminary to the organization meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and the inspiring effect of her words at that time.

Mrs. O. B. Gause, President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Philadelphia, brought cordial greetings from this organization, which, she said, is doing home missionary work of a positive character, carrying the Bible in one hand and the school-book in the other. She outlined, in brief, the work of this great association with its thirty departments of organized missionary effort.

Mrs. M. E. Gregory, of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, brought warm greetings from fellow-workers in the Church which she represented; and was followed by Mrs. G. J. McCollum, of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Baptist Church, who spoke with warm feeling of the common work in which we are all engaged.

In response to these various addresses Mrs. W. G. Williams, Mrs. W. A. Ingham, and Mrs. E. E. Marcy, in two-minute speeches, expressed the gratification with which the cheering words of our sisters were received, after which all joined in singing, "Blest be the tie that binds," led by Mrs. J. F. Knapp, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Willing introduced the following:

Resolved, That the first item of business for to-morrow afternoon be greetings from the Woman's National Indian Association.

Adopted.

Mrs. Willing moved that the report of the Committee on Enrollment be heard this afternoon. Carried.

Mrs. Davis gave notice of the meeting to be held in this (Arch St.) church this evening, to be addressed by Dr. Haygood and Dr. Vincent.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, an extension of time was granted to hear the report of the Committee on Enrollment. This report was duly presented by its Chairman, Mrs. M. Cogley Reynolds, and adopted as follows:

The delegations present at this meeting represent fourteen States and thirty-three Conferences. With few exceptions, the lady first in the list of delegates for each Conference is the Corresponding Secretary of said Conference.

• CONFERENCES.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Delegates*: Mrs. H. F. Spencer, Turin; Mrs. J. H. McCarty, Penn Yan.

CENTRAL OHIO.—*General Officers*: Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Fremont; Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Mrs. S. W. Thomson, Delaware.

Delegates: Mrs. W. G. Williams, Delaware; Mrs. L. E. Prentiss, Fremont.

Visitors: Mrs. E. King, Mrs. E. A. Bristol, Fremont.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.—*Delegates*: Mrs. F. Gearhart, Mrs. Margaret Musina, Williamsport.

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CINCINNATI.—*General Officers:* Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. R. S. Rust, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Mrs. A. R. Clark, Mrs. W. F. Thorne, Mrs. E. House, Mrs. G. W. Coleman, Cincinnati; Mrs. Bishop Walden, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Delegates: Mrs. Wm. Runyan, Troy; Miss Clara Allen, Xenia.

DETROIT.—*Delegates:* Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mrs. D. B. Tracy, Detroit.

Visitors: Mrs. E. Smith, Detroit; Mrs. E. E. Royer, Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Ann Arbor.

EAST OHIO.—*Delegates:* Mrs. J. M. Carr, Damascus; Miss Ella J. Betts, Co-shocton.

Visitors: Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Canton; Mrs. W. A. Ingham, Cleveland.

ERIE.—*Delegates:* Mrs. C. V. Culver, Reno, Pa.; Mrs. F. H. Beck, Dubois City, Pa.

Visitors: Mrs. Lizzie Goold, Mrs. A. L. Confer, Reno, Pa.

ILLINOIS.—*Delegate:* Mrs. S. H. Wilkins, Rockford.

KANSAS.—*Visitor:* Mrs. R. H. Hawthorn, Atchison.

KENTUCKY.—*Delegate:* Mrs. J. W. Livesey, Covington.

LOUISIANA.—*Delegate:* Miss Josephine Cowgill, New Orleans.

NEBRASKA.—*Delegate:* Mrs. B. Spurlock.

NEWARK.—*Delegates:* Mrs. J. I. Boswell, Jersey City, N. J.; Mrs. O. M. Fitzgerald, Newark, N. J.

Visitors: Mrs. A. De Groot, Mrs. B. F. Ham, Miss R. Ham, Miss C. F. Hedges, Mrs. A. Vreeland, Mrs. J. R. Robertson, Mrs. W. E. Drake, Mrs. L. P. Hyatt, Miss Sarah Reeve, Mrs. M. Frome, Miss E. Brookfield.

NEW ENGLAND.—*Delegates:* Miss Maria Newhall, Mrs. V. A. Cooper, Lynn, Mass.

Visitors: Mrs. S. P. Alley, Mrs. Amos Beckford, Lynn; Mrs. A. B. S. Kinney, Worcester, Mass.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.—*Delegates:* Mrs. James Mather, Drownville, R. I.; Mrs. J. Hollingshead, Newport, R. I.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—*Delegate:* Mrs. N. C. Alger, Warren.

NEW JERSEY.—*Delegates:* Mrs. C. F. Garrison, Swedesboro; Mrs. C. B. Fisk, Seabright.

Visitors: Mrs. E. J. Stedman, Mrs. E. Hewitt, Mrs. John Amos, Mrs. M. E. J. Clark, Mrs. M. S. Yard, Mrs. Godfrey, Miss Lizzie Wright, Miss E. A. Rice.

NEW YORK.—*Delegates:* Miss Martha Van Marter, Miss Mary A. Lathbury, New York City.

NEW YORK EAST.—*Delegate:* Mrs. A. C. Morrow, New York City.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.—*Delegates:* Miss Jennie M. Bingham, Lowville; Mrs. W. H. Beach.

NORTH OHIO.—*Delegates:* Mrs. G. A. Hughes, Ashland; Mrs. H. C. Hedges, Mansfield.

NORTH-WEST INDIANA.—*Delegate:* Mrs. S. B. Matthews, South Bend.

NORTH-WEST IOWA.—*Delegate:* Mrs. Charles F. Springer, Anamosa.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Delegates:* Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Reading, Pa.; Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Germantown.

Visitors: Mrs. E. C. Day, Mrs. M. Banghart, Miss M. E. Williams, Reading, Pa.

PITTSBURG.—*Delegates:* Mrs. H. C. Dickinson, Alleghany City; Mrs. C. W. Smith, Pittsburg, Pa.

ROCK RIVER.—Mrs. J. F. Willing, Secretary of the Bureau of Organization, Chicago, Ill.

Delegate: Mrs. E. E. Marcy, Evanston, Ill.

SOUTH-EAST INDIANA.—*Delegates:* Mrs. J. R. Budd, Mrs. J. P. Siddall.

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TROY.—*Delegates*: Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Troy, N. Y.; Mrs. S. S. Strong, Saratoga Springs.

Visitors: Mrs. H. H. Reed, Saratoga; Mrs. James Kent, Gloversville; Miss Flora L. Sawyer, Troy.

UPPER IOWA.—*Delegate*: Mrs. Chas. Springer, Anamosa.

VERMONT.—*Delegate*: Mrs. L. H. Cobb, St. Albans.

WILMINGTON.—*Delegate*: Mrs. N. M. Broome.

Visitor: Mrs. H. F. Pickel.

WYOMING.—*Visitors*: Mrs. Harriet D. Tupper, Mrs. J. W. Hartwell, Binghamton, N. Y.

After the reading of this report Mrs. W. L. Boswell announced that a reception would be given to Mrs. Hayes, to the Executive Board, and to all friends of the Society, on Saturday evening, the 24th, by the ladies of Spring Garden Street Church.

Notices were given; and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Humphreys, of Grace Church.

Friday Evening.

Mrs. R. B. HAYES presided over a very large assembly gathered in Arch Street Church at 8 P. M. On the platform were also Mrs. R. S. Rust, Bishop Walden, Revs. A. Longacre, D. D., C. W. Buoy, J. H. Vincent, D. D., and A. G. Haygood, D. D. After prayer by Rev. C. W. Buoy, a solo was rendered by Mrs. J. F. Knapp, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Dr. Haygood, of Georgia, was the first speaker of the evening, and it is a matter of regret that only a condensed report of his most interesting address can be presented here as follows:

Dr. Haygood said that a true estimate of the civilization of our race must be found in the average; the Bushmen of Australia must be considered as well as the Anglo-Saxon. We must go into hovels, as well as palaces; into gin-shops and gambling-hells, as well as into schools, churches, and great institutions of benevolence; into the hiding-places of the lost, as well as into the homes of the good. He rejoiced to know that the Woman's Home Missionary Society has in its heart the needs not only of our white people, but the needs of the black people of the South.

He spoke especially of the colored people in the South—their condition, needs, and the methods of doing them good. He spoke strongly in defense of their religious life. Notwithstanding the crudity of their theology, and the extravagance of their emotions, "conversions" among them are, for the greater part, genuine. Their morals are very much better than ever before, and steadily improving. Speaking of the case of the Negro at school, he said this chapter in his history during the last twenty years is marvelous—there is nothing like it. One million colored children are now at school, and more than one million colored people can read. He gave

some remarkable figures concerning the educational work among them. As to their home life, there is a steady improvement. He spoke at length of the increasing virtue, taste, and noble ambition on the part of colored maidens and mothers, and praised highly the peculiar methods of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Rev. J. H. Vincent, D. D., spoke with characteristic force upon the Neglected Population of Our Cities, of which an abstract is here given:

The peril of the city lies in the separation between the righteous and uplifted classes and the lower and depressed masses, be they worthy or unworthy.

The demand of the day is for closer contact in Christian ways of the extremes of society—the worthy few and the dangerous and endangered majority. I prize this Woman's Home Missionary Society because it aims at this great result.

Let me call attention to four methods by which this result may be achieved through the influence of those who have righteousness, power, and Christian sympathy on their side, and who would extend the influence of the same through every rank of society.

1. We need to employ the power of *justice*—civil and political. There is too much mawkish sentimentality and absurd sympathy for wrong-doers who are content in their wrong doing. We are too easy with political scoundrels who manipulate votes and who prevent the free play of the electoral prerogative of American citizens. We are too mild in our characterization of financial and social frauds. We are too sympathetic and unwise toward tramps, who beg because they don't want to work. Our pulpits thunder too little.

2. We need to employ the *domestic* power—good homes in which children are taught obedience, in which the rights of servants are respected, in which such an atmosphere prevails that grocery boys and others who come even to the back door and deal with the family fancy that the angels of harmony and love must live in that house. We need to help other homes; to build up homes among the lowest classes, and to promote in them cleanliness, care of childhood, wisdom, and patience. Therefore, I believe in the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

3. We need to employ the *social* power—not patronizing the poor; not leaving tracts at front doors; not calling with professional seriousness and probing the family with a conventional philanthropic catechism. We need informal, neighborly, sympathetic visitation; mothers going to see mothers to talk about, and pray for, "*our* boys;" young ladies going to help young girls by winning confidence and sympathy, and going also to teach children at home that the labors of the public school may be supplemented as in good, high-toned, and wise families they are supplemented. We need hand-grasp, tender love, mutual sympathy. Therefore, I believe in the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

4. We need to employ the power involved in honest *occupation*. People want work, not money. Not alms, but a friend. The friendship must be

wise enough to find work for people to do. Our homes can make more work for needy people than they do. Our villages and cities can make more work than they do. There is no end to the devices which may be adopted to help people who want to help themselves. Therefore, knowing as I do the spirit and aims of this noble society, I give these hurried, but heartfelt words in its behalf.

At a late hour the assembly was dismissed with the benediction by Bishop Walden.

Saturday Morning.

THE DEVOTIONAL MEETING opened promptly at 9 o'clock, led by Mrs. Wm. Runyan. The business session commenced at 9.30, Mrs. John Davis in the chair. The minutes of the previous session were read by Miss Van Marter, and approved.

Motion was made and carried that the Order of Exercises be transposed and fifteen minutes given to the hearing of reports from Conference Secretaries. Mrs. Gearhart, of Central Pennsylvania; Mrs. Williams, of Central Ohio; Mrs. Hughes, of North Ohio; Miss Allen, of Cincinnati; and Mrs. Rogers, of Detroit, gave brief Reports of the Cause in their respective Conferences.*

On motion, Mrs. N. M. Broome and Mrs. H. F. Pickel, of Wilmington, were accepted as delegates and assigned seats.

On motion, Mrs. J. P. Siddall, of South East Indiana Conference, and Mrs. L. H. Cobb, of Vermont, who represented the Conference Secretary, were added to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

The report on the publishing interests of *Woman's Home Missions* was read by Mrs. Thomson, and was referred to the Standing Committee on that paper.

Mrs. Williams, Chairman of the Standing Committee on *Woman's Home Missions*, read a communication from Mrs. Thomson resigning her position as publisher; and, in earnest words expressed a strong desire that Mrs. Thomson may be induced to reconsider this action.

A discussion followed concerning the best modes for increasing the income of the paper, and ladies Clark, Marcy, Morrow, Thomson, and McCabe were appointed a Special Committee to act in conjunction with the Standing Committee. Mrs. Willing moved that the report of this Special Committee be submitted to the Standing Committee. Carried.

On motion ten minutes were given to one-minute speeches concerning the interests of the paper. Mrs. Springer suggested that Mrs. Thompson might reconsider her resignation if relief from the heavy burdens of the position was afforded. Mrs. J. I. Boswell, stated that two advertisements for the paper had been secured by ladies of her

*The full text of all reports read at this meeting will be found, under appropriate headings, on the pages next succeeding the Minutes.

Conference, one for Faith Songs, the other for cough drops. All proceeds from the sale of Faith Songs and one-tenth from the sale of cough drops to go into the treasury of the Society. Mrs. Alger suggested that each Conference Secretary keep a list of the subscribers in her Conference, and send out postal cards before the expiration of the year urging each one to renew her subscription. Mrs. Tracy suggested that one from every Conference be appointed to secure advertisements for the paper. Mrs. Williams felt that pledges from Conference Secretaries to large increase of subscriptions would lighten Mrs. Thomson's heart. Mrs. Willing said that the lifting of this practical burden was too great to be trusted to a wave of feeling and must be thought out and prayed out. It is too much like asking a river to run up hill to try to make a paper like this for twenty-five cents. Mrs. Marcy asked if the actual cost of the paper exceeds twenty-five cents, and Mrs. McCabe responded that estimating by our August number and *including salaries* the loss is just five-twelfths of a cent. Mrs. Rust spoke of the adaptability of the paper to use as a leaflet and suggested that an appropriation for this purpose would carry the paper, while the paper would serve a most admirable purpose as a leaflet. Mrs. Davis suggested that these and other valuable hints thrown out be carefully noted by the Committee on the paper, and as the ten minutes had expired the order of business was resumed.

Mrs. R. S. Rust, the Corresponding Secretary, read her Annual Report, a carefully prepared and deeply interesting paper, setting forth the claims and needs of the Society. It was heartily adopted.

Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, having entered the room, Mrs. Rust moved that the order of business be suspended to hear remarks from him. Carried.

Dr. Buckley was introduced and spoke in his usual piquant and happy manner. He said that as a Life member of this Society he felt he had a right in this business meeting; that he named this Society in its infancy "last but not least" in a list of the Church benevolences, and that he was watching to see us justify his words. Some things are peculiarly in favor of this Society. It has no political basis, and it makes a use of the word Home that is new and striking. He gave some weighty words of warning against solidification. He said that a society ordinarily meets with such a change in from four to seven years after its birth. The original enthusiasm is cooled and things become mechanical. There is but one cure for solidification, a constant infusion of young blood, not necessarily young persons, but young spirit. The most enthusiastic worker in a recent meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association was a man of seventy-three years. "The gray head is the servant of the ever young heart."

Mrs. A. R. Clark, the Treasurer, read her Annual Report, in which she gave a detailed statement of all the financial operations of the

Society during the past year, showing a degree of prosperity which calls for profound gratitude. The report was unanimously adopted.

The question was raised as to whether moneys sent later than October 15th should be included in the report for the current year; but, on motion, it was decided that the accounts for the year be closed October 15th, in accordance with the By-laws relating thereto.

Mrs. Willing presented the following resolution from the Maine Conference:

Resolved, That one-half of the funds collected by the Societies in Maine which are auxiliary to the Woman's Home Missionary Society be expended under the direction of the Maine Conference Home Missionary Society for the support of Domestic Missions in the State of Maine.

Referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. J. I. Boswell stated that a photographer present offered to take pictures of the Executive Board, and to give half the proceeds from the sale to the Society. Some discussion followed; and on motion it was decided that the Board meet at the close of the session and consult upon the matter.

The hymn, "Nearer, my God, to thee," was sung, and the meeting adjourned.

Saturday Afternoon.

THE meeting was called to order at 2 P. M., Mrs. Davis presiding. After the singing of a hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. J. M. Buckley, D. D.

On motion, time was granted the Secretary to complete the minutes of the morning session.

Mrs. Quinton, General Secretary of the Woman's National Indian Association, was introduced, and presented greetings from that Association. She congratulated the Society upon having undertaken work among the Pawnees, in Indian Territory, under circumstances so auspicious, and commended the missionary chosen for this field of work. While speaking of the encouraging success attending the efforts of the Indian Association to influence public sentiment in favor of elevating this neglected portion of our population, Mrs. Quinton imparted much valuable information upon fields ripe unto the harvest, stating, among other facts, that there are eighty-three Indian tribes without missionaries or Christian teachers, who are hungering for the bread of life. She concluded her earnest remarks with a warm God-speed to the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. McCabe moved that Mrs. Quinton be requested to send leaflets, published by the Association, for distribution at this meeting. Carried.

On motion of Mrs. Williams, the Secretary of the Committee on Order of Business presented her report. The order therein prescribed for this session was adopted as presented in the succeeding minutes. The order

for Monday morning was approved as follows: Reports from Committees on—1. Publication; 2. Missionary Candidates; 3. Department of Supplies; 4. from Journalistic Secretary.

Mrs. Ingham, the Journalistic Secretary, was given permission to present her report at once. And it was adopted.

The Report of the Bureau for Indians was presented by Mrs. McCabe, and accepted.

A letter was also read from Mrs. Gaddis, the missionary to the Pawnees, describing the rude house she occupies; and the necessity for providing a better one was urged. The sum of \$300 having been subscribed for this purpose at the first quarterly-meeting of the General Executive Board for this year, held in St. Paul Church, Cincinnati, it was asked that \$300 additional be pledged to insure the completion of a comfortable home for this missionary. Pledges and cash subscriptions were then given to the amount of \$335, as follows:

Mrs. R. B. Hayes, \$10; Mrs. John Davis, \$10; Mrs. W. F. Thorne, \$10; Mrs. J. F. Willing, \$10; Mrs. E. E. Royer, \$10; Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, \$10; Mrs. A. C. Morrow, \$10; Mrs. J. I. Boswell, \$5; Miss Martha Van Marter, \$5; Mrs. H. C. Hedges, \$10; Mrs. J. M. Johnston, \$15; Mrs. Simpson, \$10; Dr. and Mrs. J. H. McCarty, \$10; Mrs. Bishop Walden, \$10; Mrs. J. M. Carr, \$10; Mrs. J. M. Carr, for East Ohio Conference, \$25; Mrs. Field, \$3; Miss Clara Allen, \$5; Mrs. Wm. Runyan, \$5; Mrs. Beech, \$5; Mrs. C. V. Culver, for Erie Conference, \$25; Mrs. W. G. Williams, \$5; Rev. P. A. H. Franklin, \$20; Mrs. W. E. Drake, \$2; Central Pennsylvania Conference, \$25; a lady (Mrs. Thumm, of Philadelphia), \$50; Mrs. H. C. McCabe, \$20—total, \$335.

Mrs. McCabe said that the Puget Sound Conference desires this Society to appropriate the sum of \$500 to sustain a missionary in each of the two Indian tribes—the Quillayute and the Nootsahk—within its boundaries.

The following resolution, presented by Mrs. H. C. Hedges, was adopted:

Resolved, That all contributions and moneys paid during the session be handed directly to the Treasurer, or some person authorized to receive the same, and be reported to the Treasurer of the Conference in which the money was raised.

Mrs. Culver asked that the Treasurer's Annual Report may include receipts from her Conference now ready to be reported. On motion of Mrs. Spencer, this matter was left optional with the Treasurer.

Mrs. Rust moved that Mrs. Spurlock take the place of the Corresponding Secretary of Nebraska Conference, who is absent. Carried.

Mrs. Marcy made a verbal report on the Training-school in Chicago, and explained that the course of instruction there is three-fold in its character, viz.: hygienic, industrial, and evangelistic. She also stated that, through the active efforts of Mrs. Lucy Ryder Meyer, this Training-school for missionaries is now in operation, and that a nickel contribution from a million of women would be in excess of the amount required to establish it upon a permanent basis. The report was adopted; and Mrs. Marcy

was granted the privilege of distributing subscription books for the purpose of collecting some of the Nickel Fund.

The following resolutions, presented by Mrs. Willing, were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we express to Mrs. Lucy Ryder Meyer our hearty sympathy with her in her work in establishing a Training-school for Missionaries, and that we will encourage our missionary candidates to take a course of instruction in that school.

2. That we ask the General Executive Board to consider the propriety of adopting it as a part of our work and under our care.

Mrs. Spurlock and Miss Cowgill, missionaries, respectively from Salt Lake City and New Orleans, were then formally introduced to the meeting.

Mrs. Davis requested Mrs. Willing to take charge of the devotional exercises Monday morning, and urged the prompt attendance of delegates to participate in these exercises, and be ready for the business session to be resumed at 10 o'clock.

By request of its Secretary, the Bureau of Organization was requested to meet for a half hour at the close of this session.

Mrs. W. L. Boswell invited the delegation and friends generally, to a reception to be given to Mrs. Hayes and the General Executive Board, in Spring Garden Street Church, this evening at 8 o'clock.*

The doxology was sung; and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Longacre.

Monday Morning.

THE DEVOTIONAL MEETING was led by Mrs. Willing. Her theme was Charity or Love. Promptly at 9.30 Mrs. Hayes took the chair. The hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was sung, and Mrs. McCabe offered prayer.

The minutes of Saturday morning's session were read by Miss Van Marter, and were approved. The minutes of Saturday afternoon's session were read by Mrs. Aiken, and approved.

On motion of Mrs. R. B. Hayes, the subscription for building a house for our missionary among the Pawnees was increased to \$350. Mrs. Hayes increased her subscription to \$20, to make Mrs. L. E. Prentiss, wife of her pastor, Life member of the Society; and Mrs. Rust and Mrs. Ingham also added to their previous gifts, and thus the amount was secured.

The report of the Committee on Publication sent by Mrs. Hoyt, Chair-

*The reception was very pleasant, being attended by a majority of the members of the Convention and their friends, including resident Methodist clergy. The church was handsomely decorated. In the auditorium of the same edifice a mass-meeting was held on Sunday evening, October 25th, presided over by Mrs. Hayes, and addressed by Mrs. Rust and Mrs. Willing. In the same church, on Sunday morning, Rev. Dr. A. G. Haygood preached an eloquent sermon, his theme being pertinent to the objects and purposes of the Society; and in the evening, at Arch Street Methodist Episcopal Church, he delivered an address upon "Woman as a factor in the resources and work of the Church."

man, was read by Mrs. Aiken. It showed commendable activity in this department of our work, and was adopted.

A full and interesting report from the Committee on Mission Supplies, sent by Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, Chairman, was read by Mrs. Aiken. It stated that the value of supplies sent during the year amounted to \$18,708.79, an increase over the previous year of \$10,834.57. Adopted.

Mrs. Willing presented the report on order of business for the afternoon session, as follows: 1. Report of Committee on Haven Industrial Home; 2. Report of Bureau for Illiterate White People in the South; 3. Report of Bureau for Colored People in the South.

Mrs. Rust said that the work in Savannah is a part of our work among the colored people of the South, and is included in the Bureau for that department. She therefore moved to so amend the order of business that the report of the Haven Home should follow and supplement that of the Bureau for the colored people. This amendment was accepted, and the report on the order of business, as thus amended, was adopted.

Mrs. Willing presented a resolution asking that Misses Van Marter and Bingham and Mrs. Morrow be excused on Tuesday afternoon, to meet the young ladies of the Philadelphia Churches in the interests of this Society. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that, owing to pressure of business, the reports of Conference Secretaries be omitted. Lost.

It was moved and carried that the order of business be suspended to hear said reports this morning. The following Conferences were called in alphabetical order, and the reports were read by the respective Secretaries: Central New York, by Mrs. Spencer; East Ohio, by Mrs. Carr; Erie, by Mrs. Culver; Newark, by Mrs. J. I. Boswell; New England Southern, by Mrs. Mather; New York, by Miss Van Marter; New York East, by Mrs. Morrow; Northern New York, by Miss Jennie Bingham; North-west Iowa, and Upper Iowa, by Mrs. Springer.

At this point Mrs. Hayes read a portion of a deeply interesting report from Hester Williams, of New Orleans, a colored worker of great faith, zeal, and energy. The paper included reports of auxiliary societies in her extensive parish.

Reports of Conference Secretaries were resumed: Louisiana, read by Miss Josephine Cowgill; Troy, by Mrs. E. W. Simpson; New Hampshire, by Mrs. Alger; Vermont, by Mrs. Frost, represented by Mrs. Cobb; Rock River, by Mrs. Marcy; Philadelphia, by Mrs. Bickley.

Mrs. Rust announced a gift of \$20, just received from a friend in the South, for Simpson Memorial Home, at Orangeburg, a work undertaken by the ladies of the Philadelphia Conference Society.

Mrs. Willing stated that, as one hundred and forty additional memberships had been taken yesterday at the Tabernacle Church, in this city, thus increasing the number of the Society to two hundred, this must be considered the banner Auxiliary. The same lady moved that the next session open promptly at 1.30 P. M. Carried.

It was moved and carried that reports of Conference Secretaries be the first business of the afternoon session.

Mrs. H. F. Spencer, Chairman of the Committee appointed to visit the Preachers' Meeting, stated that the ladies were most cordially received by that body; and that Mrs. Marcy, Mrs. McCabe, and Mrs. Spurlock briefly responded to the courtesy extended to them, and asked the earnest co-operation of the pastors in the work of this Society.

Mrs. Marcy reported from the Committee on Leaflets as follows: the Committee recommend the appointment of a Committee of three, whose duty shall be to select and revise such pamphlets and leaflets as they may deem best adapted to the present demand. The report was adopted, whereupon the following resolutions were presented and approved:

Resolved, 1. That the Leaflet Committee appoint from their number a Sub-committee of three, whose duty shall be to go carefully over the list of leaflets and tracts, and withdraw such as have ceased to be useful, and add such as are demanded by the work.

2. That the Committee take immediate steps to avail itself of Dr. Vincent's generous offer to publish \$1,000 worth of leaflets free of charge.

Mrs. Coleman sang very acceptably, "Cast thy bread upon the waters," and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Franklin, of Utah.

Monday Afternoon.

THE SESSION was called to order at 1.30 P. M., Mrs. H. C. McCabe in the chair. Prayer was offered by Miss Josephine Cowgill.

Reports of Conference Secretaries were resumed: New Jersey, read by Mrs. C. F. Garrison; North-west Indiana, by Mrs. S. B. Matthews; New England, by Miss Maria Newhall; Ohio, by Mrs. T. M. Stanley; Pittsburg, by Mrs. H. C. Dickinson.

Mrs. Davis read greetings from the Woman's Christian Association of Philadelphia, now in session; Mrs. S. W. Thomson and Mrs. J. H. McCarty were chosen to reply.

Reports of Conference Secretaries were continued: Wyoming, by Mrs. Harriet Tupper; South-east Indiana, by Mrs. C. S. Chafee; Indiana, by Mrs. M. A. Siddall.

Mrs. Alger, of New Hampshire, reported verbally for Florida Conference. This Conference, in co-operation with the New Hampshire Conference, has undertaken to raise funds to build an Industrial Home at Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. Rust called attention to the fact that a desirable lot for this Home, with two small houses on it, can now be obtained for \$2,600.

Mrs. Marcy read a letter of greeting from Mrs. Burdette, of the Baptist Training-school, of Chicago. The same lady was appointed to reply.

The report of the Secretary of the Bureau for Mormons, Mrs. A. F. Newman, was read by Mrs. Davis, and approved.

As Chairman of the Committee on Utah, Mrs. Davis reported, giving an account of her visit, and that of Mrs. S. W. Thomson, to that Territory. The longer these ladies stayed the more they learned of the gloom and sorrow of the women of Utah. There is the utmost need of Christian sympathy and contributions. They visited schools and missionaries, and saw evidences of great privations and sacrifices. One evening was spent in the Palmer Memorial Chapel. Mrs. Thomson gave a temperance talk at Ephraim.

Mrs. Newman's Report on the Industrial Home in Utah was presented by Mrs. Davis, and was referred to the Committee on Mission Fields. Mrs. B. Spurlock, one of our missionaries, was called forward. She emphasized the report of Mrs. Newman. The times are dark and sad, the situation is appalling. Women who are suspected of being untrue to this monstrous delusion, or those who testify in courts, are driven into the street. Presbyterians, Baptists, Congregationalists, Methodists, and Episcopalians, unite in the endeavor to shelter the defenseless. The project of a day nursery was alluded to by Mrs. Spurlock near the close of her remarkable address. Rev. P. A. H. Franklin then made a thrilling appeal during ten minutes. At this point the following was read and referred to the Executive Board:

"I, Mrs. D. B. Tracy, of Detroit, Michigan, give and devise to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of Ohio, the following lands and premises: ———, situated in the Territory of Dakota, Lake County, Madison Township, four lots (4), two hundred feet deep (200 ft.), to hold or dispose of the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors and assigns forever; this land to be used for the building thereon of a Sabbath-school chapel. This devise is made in memory of my mother, Mrs. Sarah G. Stout."

A collection for Utah was then called for, with the following result:

Mrs. Hayes, \$50, and hopes to raise a \$100; Mrs. John Davis, \$25; Mrs. W. F. Thorne, \$20; Mrs. C. V. Culver, Erie Conference, including what lacked last year, \$152; Mrs. C. E. Pölen, the last \$100 of the \$2,100 asked for; Mrs. J. I. Boswell, Newark Conference, \$20; Mrs. Harriet Tupper, Wyoming Conference, \$20; Mrs. Dr. Strong, of Saratoga Springs, \$20; Mrs. S. W. Thomson, \$20; Mrs. ———, \$50; Mrs. H. C. Hedges, North Ohio Conference, \$100; Mrs. V. A. Cooper, Lynn, \$10; Mrs. Beckford, Lynn, \$10; Cash, \$1.00; A Friend, \$1.00; Mrs. D. L. Williams, \$5; Tioga Church, Philadelphia, \$15; Mrs. Gearheart, \$1.00; Mrs. J. F. Wil-ling, \$10; Name refused, \$5; A Friend, \$5; Mrs. Jas. Kent, \$5; Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Troy, \$5; Mrs. C. B. Fisk made an earnest plea for Utah, and pledged \$100; East Ohio Conference, by Mrs. Carr, \$100; Mrs. Runyan and Miss Allen, for Cincinnati Conference, \$100; Miss M. Van Marter, \$10; Mrs. De Groot, \$25; Arch Street Auxiliary, Philadelphia, \$100; Miss Newhall, \$10; Mrs. J. R. Merritt, Philadelphia, \$5; Mrs. Col.

Hyett, \$6; Cash, \$2. A basket collection was then taken by Mrs. E. W. Simpson and Rev. P. A. H. Franklin, amounting to \$32.27.

Mrs. Rust presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

In view of the fact that there is a great need in Utah for chapels that can be used also for school purposes, the school being a successful means of inaugurating the Church, and

WHEREAS, Such buildings are greatly needed in several localities where our Society desires to establish work, therefore

Resolved, That we ask the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society to make an appropriation of not less than \$5,000 for this work, and to aid general missionary work in this Territory.

Rev. Dr. Kynett, Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced, and made a short address, in which he referred to the resolution, and promised personally to favor the appropriation before the Board of Managers.*

Mrs. Springer offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, A most earnest and pathetic entreaty has been made for a German or Scandinavian missionary at Castle Garden, said missionary having been long and anxiously desired to meet the constant arrival of immigrants at this post in New York City; therefore,

Resolved, That this Society take into most careful consideration the immediate necessity of a missionary at the post of New York City.

On motion it was referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. Springer also presented the following:

As the "Home Missions'" paper is more permanently helpful than the leaflets,

Resolved, That the number of leaflets be diminished the coming year, and the money be used to increase the salaries of our editor and publisher to \$300.

On motion, this resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Bureau for Colored people in the South was read by the Secretary, Mrs. Rust, and adopted.

Bishop Walden spoke by invitation. His remarks were instructive and earnest, and he commended the methods of work pursued by this Society.

Mrs. Dunton, who has been in South Carolina, for twelve years, made thrilling and instructive remarks, showing from personal knowledge the great utility of our Industrial Homes. The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. H. McCarty, D. D.

[*It is greatly to be regretted that Dr. Kynett's admirable address, being purely extempore, can not be reproduced. A note received from him, written December 10th, contains this: "I can only renew my assurance of most cordial interest in your great and growing work. I have just read the clause of President Cleveland's Message, dealing with Mormonism, and think that the field will open to your noble Society very largely in Utah under the assured strong action of the government. I wish you a hearty God-speed."]

Monday Evening.

THE ANNIVERSARY of the Society took place on Monday evening, a very large audience being in attendance. The general officers were in charge. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. M. A. Richards, D. D., following which a hymn was sung, composed by Miss Mary A. Lathbury.

An abstract of the Annual Report was read by Mrs. R. S. Rust, the Corresponding Secretary, in which it was stated that the first year there were fourteen effective organizations connected with the Society, thirty the second year, thirty-five the third year, and forty-one the past year. The amount raised this year is \$26,000; and the total value of supplies aggregates more than \$19,000. The Society had been called into existence to co-operate with the other connectional societies of the Church in work for women which could not be done by men.

Rev. Dr. J. M. King, of New York, addressed the meeting. He said that the Society recognizes the Home as the foundation for free institutions. The scope of its work is in an important sense foreign as well as home. What hope is there for Utah, made up of foreign heathens principally, until its womanhood is released? This foreign womanhood crystallized into American Christian womanhood is the only hope for a free government. Abundant means and abundant willingness would furnish all that is necessary. There should be consecrated personal effort, and this can not be done by proxy. There is many a pauper that lives in a brown stone palace. The question is not simply will the unconverted be lost if we fail to rescue them, but whether we ourselves will be saved. What we want is emancipation from slavery to society and slavery to criticism. This Society, said Dr. King, is in its comparative youth, and yet its methods are not new. One of the most remarkable proofs that our Savior was intensely human as well as intensely Divine, is that he found his way to Bethany on the Mount of Olives, and there found rest with Mary and Lazarus.

Dr. King thought the Society should have a branch in every individual Church in the country. He hoped the million-dollar line in missions would be reached, but frequently, in seeking to fill the treasuries of the Church, we begin at the wrong end. No man and no woman can go and exhort others to go into homes of degradation unless they can say they have been there themselves. In coming from scenes of luxury and culture it is necessary for us to have some scars in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mrs. Spurlock, the missionary of the Society at Utah, was the next speaker. She said there were no happy homes in Utah where polygamy exists. The effort made by Congress does not bring the truths of Jesus to the women of Utah. What is needed is a place of refuge in Salt Lake City to which the women can be taken who abandon polygamy.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Reid, Missionary Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, next spoke in substance as follows :

There are various missionary organizations in these days, both Home and Foreign, for Catholics and Jews, for Chinese and Indians, and for Freedmen. But when it is remembered that these are but parts of one grand missionary whole which seeks to elevate and save humanity without regard to sex, or race, or color, or locality, we need not be surprised to find these societies sometimes perplexingly mixed. Look at the Master himself. He was the author of the world-wide command, "Go into *all the world*," yet he never himself extended his labor beyond his own land. He was, in fact, President of a Home Missionary Society, and he sent out his workers through all Judea, bidding them begin at Jerusalem. Yet whoever studies the history of Christ will see that he laid the foundations at home in order to build abroad. He, a home worker, was most of all interested for the work abroad. Paul has always been thought of as the apostle of the Gentiles, but wherever he went, to Greece or Gaul, or to the isles of the Mediterranean, he was always within the Roman Empire; that is, he never labored beyond his own national dominion. But who can doubt that his thoughts and plans embraced all nations. Always a home worker, he is the most famous of all for his interest in the nations. All work at home has for its ultimate object the field abroad. If there were no alternative but that I must abandon one or the other, home or foreign work, it would not be the former, for there can be no foreign work unless there be able and willing Churches at home to care for it.

The Society in whose interests we are now convened is building up in the new and needy parts of our own land communities and Churches that will some day furnish other lands with missionaries and money for their redemption. This Society contemplates a large Christianizing work. It seeks to carry the church and school to the children of the Negroes and poor whites of the South, and to the children of the red man in the forest. It cares for the women of the Chinese, whose condition is so deplorable in our land. It establishes model homes, where women so lately compelled to work in the field could give their husbands and offspring no homes worthy of the name. But in these model homes neatness and housewifery are learned by practical lessons, and every well-ordered home that results is a new Christianizing and refining influence. I can never cease to admire the self-abnegation and devotion which led the President of the Society to leave her home of more than royalty, and devote the days and years of her retirement to giving the great boon of a comfortable and happy home to the poor Freedman and his family, and to the crushed and miserable women of a polygamous land. The benedictions of multitudes will rest upon her. The school-rooms and homes of these ladies all through the land become also sanctuaries where the Word of God is preached and the ordinances of his house administered. There is a wide and inviting field.

Bishop J. M. Walden followed with a few remarks and made an appeal for additional subscriptions for the Utah work. He said the Woman's Home Missionary Society is doing a specific work, although divided into departments. Within the last three or four years a new interest has been taken in the Indian problem. The Woman's Home Missionary Society makes the cluster of societies in the Methodist Church complete.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. Longacre, D. D.

Tuesday Morning.

THE SESSION opened at 9½ o'clock, with a service of song, testimony, and prayer, led by Mrs. Willing. At 10 o'clock Mrs. Hayes took the chair, and announced the opening hymn, "I need Thee every hour." Mrs. E. E. Royer offered prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Ingham, and adopted.

In the absence, through illness, of Mrs. W. M. Ampt, Chairman of the Committee on Mite Boxes, Mrs. Aiken read her report, which was adopted.

Suggestions were made by Mrs. Willing for the general distribution of Mite boxes, recommending that some lady in each Auxiliary, in each Conference, be made responsible for this work. Mrs. Runyan thought we had made a financial mistake in distributing the boxes gratuitously; and, furthermore said it would be a good idea for every one who accepts a box to place at least \$1.00 in the same. Some little discussion followed with reference to the wisdom of charging a small price for these boxes to cover expense of printing them, and Mrs. Aiken moved that a Committee of three be appointed to consider this matter and report at this meeting. Carried. The chair appointed ladies Runyan, Cooper, and Hedges.

The report of the Committee on Transportation, sent by Mrs. Ampt, Chairman, was presented by Mrs. Runyan, and adopted.

Mrs. W. G. Coleman then favored the audience with a vocal solo, "One sweetly solemn thought."

Miss Betts expressed the unexpected pleasure she experienced in being permitted to address this meeting, and gave an interesting account of her work as missionary in the South, and more recently as organizer of auxiliaries in the North.

Mrs. R. B. Hayes read extracts from a letter from Miss Brooks, of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Rev. Dr. McCarty, of Penn Yan, N. Y., spoke with special reference to a visit made by himself to Mexico and New Mexico. He dwelt upon the degradation of the people, and said that in many of the homes there was not a chair, bed, table, or dish, and yet in every one of the homes there

was a crucifix and a picture of the Virgin Mary. His heart yearned toward this people, and he wished he were younger, in order that he might go as a missionary among them. He urged the Society to send earnest Christian women as missionaries into this field.

Miss Cowgill, of New Orleans, followed, speaking from a heart full of the needs of this great missionary work in the South, and giving a touching account of her call to this work among the neglected population of New Orleans. She was happy in the work of rescuing the perishing souls in need of salvation.

Miss Frances E. Willard, President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union was then introduced, and presented greetings full of sisterly love, showing that the cause she advocates is side by side in sympathy with the aims of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Her Secretary, Miss Anna Gordon, said, in addressing the meeting, that she was born and brought up in a missionary atmosphere, and was glad to see so many young ladies interested both in temperance and home mission work.

Mrs. Quinton kindly brought leaflets for distribution, and spoke for a few moments of Pawnee homes, rude and uncomfortable, and gave a pathetic incident to show the position of Indian women. In concluding she emphasized the fact that the labor of the Temperance Union, Indian Association, and Home Missionary Society is one, inasmuch as each is doing a reformatory and redeeming work. This morning she had heard "I am so glad" come so repeatedly from hearts full of praise and thanksgiving, that she considered it a Methodist watchword, and would adopt it in the future.

The Committee of three to whom was referred the consideration of Mite Boxes then presented its report through Mrs. Runyan, as follows: Your Mite Box Committee recommend that in each Conference organized for Home Missionary work, there be appointed, by the President and Corresponding Secretary, an officer to be known as the "Mite Box Agent," whose special duty shall be to enlist the district officers, and those of auxiliaries, in the matter of distributing Mite boxes freely among the people; and also to order them from the Chairman in Cincinnati, in numbers to meet the demand of the field under her superintendence; said agent to assume obligation to said Chairman for the price of boxes so ordered, not to exceed five cents each, the district and auxiliary officers in turn assuming obligation to the Conference agent, thus forming a chain of connection in the Mite box work. Adopted.

The report of Savannah Home, prepared by Mrs. Whetstone, was presented by Mrs. Clark, during the reading of which the hour for adjournment arrived. On motion, the time was extended to hear the report. It was adopted.*

* At the last Annual Meeting, held in Cleveland, the statement was made by Mrs. Whetstone that this property could be obtained at a sum below its estimated

Mrs. Willing urged all the Conferences to take a share in paying off the indebtedness on the Home, amounting to \$4,444.45. Mrs. Clark spoke of its grand possibilities, and the excellent results expected from the prosecution of this work in Savannah. Mrs. Boswell testified to the special interest felt in New Jersey Conference for this Home school. Mrs. Culver gave practical demonstration of her interest by pledging, for Erie Conference \$200; Mrs. Runyan, for Cincinnati Conference, \$500; Mrs. Hedges, for North Ohio Conference, \$100; Mrs. Fitzgerald (Life Membership), \$20; Miss Hedges, Newark, \$20; Mrs. Goff, \$5; Mrs. Goff, for Philadelphia Conference, \$50; Mrs. J. I. Boswell, \$5; Mrs. De Groot, \$50; Mrs. Clark, \$10; Miss F. E. Willard, \$25.

Mrs. Marcy distributed leaflets and literature explaining the objects of the Training-school. Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Franklin.

Tuesday Afternoon.

THE MEETING was opened with prayer by the Rev. P. A. H. Franklin. The minutes were read by Mrs. Aiken, and adopted.

Mrs. J. I. Boswell presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we recognize our indebtedness to Mrs. J. L. Whetstone for her indefatigable and valuable services to our Society since its organization, and hereby extend to her our sympathy for her in her bereavement, and express the regret we feel in her absence from this meeting—assuring her that our prayers will ascend for her in this time of sorrow, and that we most earnestly trust she may be spared for many years to continue the great work she has undertaken “For love of Christ, and in his name.”

Mrs. Aiken presented the resignation of Mrs. Whetstone, Chairman of the Department of Supplies. Mrs. Willing stated that all offices are vacant at the close of the year, and moved that this matter be referred to the Committee on Nominations. Carried.

Mrs. Rust asked leave to present the remainder of her report as Corresponding Secretary, it being statistical, and not adapted to a popular audience. The request was granted, and the paper was referred, with her report, for publication in the Annual Report.

The report from the Bureau of Supplies for North-western Frontiers was read by Mrs. Charles F. Springer, Secretary, and accepted.

Mrs. Willing presented the report of the Committee on By-laws for the Woman's Home Missionary Society. It was moved to accept, and convalue, if it was purchased at once; and it could be secured by the immediate payment of \$3,000, the balance to be met in deferred payments. Mrs. Whetstone very generously proffered to give \$1,000 toward repairs, if the needed \$3,000 of purchase-money could at that time be raised. Subscriptions were then called for, and the desired amount was pledged.

sider item by item. Those relating to the Annual Meeting were adopted; and also the first three relating to the Bureaus. When the fourth, which defines the number of Bureaus, was read, Mrs. Marcy moved that the Bureau of Organization be discontinued, whereupon a lively discussion ensued. The motion was lost, and the By-law was adopted as read.

On motion, the order of business was suspended, and Bishop Fowler was introduced. The Bishop's remarks were very cheering.

On motion, it was decided to hold a business session Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Clark moved that the ladies of Philadelphia be requested not to provide lunch for Wednesday. Carried by a rising vote. A motion was made and carried to adjourn, in order that sessions of the Committees might be held.

Tuesday Afternoon.

(4 O'CLOCK.)

YOUNG LADIES' MEETING.

THE meeting was opened by singing "I love to tell the story," and Mrs. J. F. Willing led in prayer. Miss M. Van Marter, of New York, editor of the *Sunday-school Advocate*, presided, and spoke a few earnest, tender words of joy that we have heard this "story." She then introduced Miss Jennie Bingham, of Lowville, N. Y., Secretary of the Northern New York Conference, who counseled the young ladies to consecrate themselves to work for Christ, and then form societies to take up specific lines of work, such as supporting a missionary, furnishing a room in one of our Industrial Homes, or sending a box of supplies to some pioneer on the frontiers. Her words were full of inspiration to those who so eagerly listened.

Mrs. A. C. Morrow, of New York, editor of the *Illustrator of Sunday-school Lessons*, next addressed the meeting. She spoke of her visit to Utah and San Francisco; especially describing her experience among the New Mexicans, and gave an account of the needs of our work in those localities, and of the organization of an auxiliary at Las Vegas, N. M.

Mrs. L. M. Dunton, of South Carolina, spoke eloquently of the good done by supplies being sent to different needy points. She gave a touching incident of the conversion of a poor woman who found the Sinner's Friend through the gift of a quilt. Her heart was so touched by the present that she could not longer resist the Spirit's influence.

Mrs. Dunton spoke of some of the trials of the girls of Simpson Industrial Home, who were learning to eat oat-meal, and said they had come to her, asking if there is not some way in which they may earn a little money, so as to buy a cow, that they may have milk with the oat-meal. At the close of her remarks ladies came forward to the Secretary's table,

and paid one dollar each, until the sum of thirty dollars had been contributed for the purchase of a missionary cow. The meeting—one of the most profitable of the whole Convention—was concluded by singing "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

Tuesday Evening.

IN THE AUDITORIUM of Arch Street Church a mass-meeting, with a missionary "love-feast," was held, commencing at 8 o'clock. After the relation of experience by a number of persons, short addresses were made by the missionaries in attendance, Miss Josephine Cowgill, Mrs. L. M. Dunton, Mrs. B. Spurlock, and Rev. P. A. H. Franklin, and also by Mrs. J. F. Willing. It seemed that no one could listen to their recitals of moral need, everywhere staring us in the face in our own land, without feeling an intense desire to do more than ever before to help on this heaven-appointed work.

Wednesday Morning.

THE CONVENTION opened at 9½ o'clock. The presiding officer, Mrs. Davis, offered prayer after the singing of the hymn, "I need Thee every hour."

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. W. A. Ingham, and approved. The report on By-laws was again taken up.

On motion, the By-laws referring to Local Work were laid on the table, to be considered after the report of the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields shall have been heard.

Mrs. Willing moved that the By-law defining the Bureau of the East Southern States be amended to harmonize with that of the West Southern States. Carried.

An invitation from the ladies of Detroit, through Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Chairman of the Committee on Place of Annual Meeting, to hold the next Annual Meeting in that city, was accepted with thanks.

Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers, Chairman of the Committee on Beneficiaries, read the report, and it was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by Mrs. Springer, Chairman, and adopted.

Mrs. H. C. Dickinson presented the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WHEREAS, some of the Conferences desire the services of a paid organizer, therefore,

Resolved, That this Annual Meeting request such Conferences to provide a contingent fund, out of which the organizer shall be paid; and also

direct that her services in unorganized territory be paid out of the general treasury.

Mrs. Marcy offered the following:

Resolved, 1. That the Bureau of Organization shall consist of a Chairman and Secretary, and such other persons, appointed by the proper authorities, as are qualified to perform its duties.

2. That the expenses of this Bureau be defrayed by the localities where its services are employed.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Mrs. WILLIAMS read the report of the paper, *Woman's Home Missions*, the editor and publisher of which were re-elected. This was fully discussed, and enthusiastic pledges were made to sustain the paper by subscriptions and advertisements. The report was adopted.

In consideration of advertisements, Mrs. Marcy moved that a cover be provided for the paper. Referred to the Standing Committee on *Woman's Home Missions*.

On motion of Mrs. Clark, the Standing Committee on the paper was appointed as follows: Mrs. W. G. Williams, Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, and Mrs. W. A. Ingham. (At the meeting of the Executive Board next succeeding the Annual Meeting, Mrs. J. L. Whetstone was added to this Committee and made Chairman.)

Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, Mrs. E. E. Marcy, and Mrs. C. G. Boughton were made the Sub-committee on Revision of Leaflets.

It was moved and seconded that a collection be taken to defray the local expenses of the meeting; but the ladies of Philadelphia objected, and the motion was withdrawn.

Mrs. Williams presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields. Pending its discussion, Mrs. Rust made explanation concerning the Industrial Home at Holly Springs, and asked that an additional appropriation of \$600 be made for the purchase of three more acres of land, on which are two houses. She stated that she had \$200 of this amount now in hand, and also had pledges for the remainder as a special donation for this purchase. On motion, the appropriation was granted. Mrs. Rust also explained the appropriation for the Industrial Home at Atlanta. Mrs. Gammon will pay \$1,500 for a new building that is greatly needed, if the Society will guarantee an equal amount. There was some discussion as to the appropriation for incidental expenses, but it was decided that \$2,500 be appropriated for this purpose. The total of the appropriations was thus made \$52,000, whereupon the following resolution was moved and carried:

Resolved, That we bring our appropriations up to \$60,000 by adding to the amount for other work a conditional sum for local missionary work.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion of Mrs. A. R. Clark, the delegates, by a rising vote, testified to their appreciation of the services rendered by Mrs. W. G. Williams as Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

On motion, the By-laws relating to Local Work were taken from the table and considered item by item. Mrs. Marcy asked for a fuller explanation of the term "local work," which was given by Mrs. Willing. Mrs. Runyan feared that no lady could do any local work under that order.

Mrs. Culver moved that the name be changed to "Local Missionary Work;" and the motion prevailed.

Mrs. Williams moved to amend By-law 10 by inserting after "local work," "for which credit of money expended is given," etc. Carried. On motion, the report on By-laws, as thus amended, was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Nomination of Officers was read by the Secretary, Mrs. Hollingshead. The Secretary of the meeting was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for the nominations as therein made. (See page 2.)

Mrs. Davis announced that the members of the Executive Board are so overburdened that they especially desire to be relieved from the charge of the various Bureaus. After several of the Eastern ladies had declined to assume this responsibility, Mrs. W. G. Williams was elected Secretary of the Bureau for Local Missionary Work; Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, of the Bureau for the East Southern States; and Mrs. R. S. Rust, of the Bureau for the West Southern States. On motion, it was decided to refer the election of the Secretaries for the remaining Bureaus to the Executive Board at its first meeting in November. (See pages 3, 4.)

Miss Rachel L. Bodley, Dean of the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia, was introduced to the Convention; and also Miss Julia Colman, of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The following resolution was offered and referred to the Executive Board:

Resolved, That the next Annual Meeting of this Society shall hold only one public session each day; the other half of the time being devoted to the work of committees.

Mrs. Ingham presented a surplus of seventy-two cents from the sale of the *Philadelphia Enquirer*, containing reports of our sessions, to Mrs. McCabe for *Woman's Home Missions*.

Mrs. Hoyt and Mrs. Ingham were appointed to prepare the Annual Report.

Mrs. Runyan moved to include in said Report the action of the General Conference relating to our Society. Carried.

Mrs. R. B. Hayes requested that a page be set apart to which we can

readily refer, containing the names and location of our Homes and Schools; and that the names and Post Office address of the missionaries be given.

Mrs. Springer desired that each Conference Secretary be allowed opportunity to make any needed revision in her report preparatory for publication.

Mrs. Runyan offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we recognize the arduous and delicate work of our Executive Board, during the four years of its existence, which has been performed faithfully and efficiently.

Mrs. W. G. Williams introduced the subjoined resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the valuable services of Mrs. W. A. Ingham as Journalistic Secretary, she be re-elected to that office.

Mrs. Ingham read the minutes of the forenoon and part of the afternoon; Mrs. Springer, those of the last three hours. After brief loving words from the Chairman, Mrs. Davis, suggesting rest and trust in the midst of labor, the doxology was sung, and the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers adjourned to meet in October, 1886, at Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Detroit, Mich.

It is fitting that we close this record of a most delightful five days' session with the mention of the unvarying kindness and hospitality of the Philadelphia Methodist ladies and clergy. We are indebted to Mrs. W. L. Boswell for the subjoined list of Churches that furnished the lunches. The Young Ladies' Bands did efficient service as attendants at the tables. In behalf of the whole Society we express our thanks.

North West Philadelphia District.—Mrs. T. M. Pierce with ladies from Grace, Trinity, Tabernacle, Tioga and Haines Street Churches, provided for Friday, October 23d.

South Philadelphia District.—Mrs. G. W. Buoy with ladies from Arch Street, Ebenezer, Wharton Street, and Madison Street, Chester Churches, provided for Saturday, October 24th.

West Philadelphia District.—Mrs. W. L. Boswell with ladies from Spring Garden Street, Green Street, Nineteenth Street, and Western Churches, provided for Monday, October 26th.

North Philadelphia District.—On account of the absence of Mrs. J. O. Wilson, ladies from Fifth Street, Paul Street, Frankfort, and East Montgomery Avenue Churches, assisted by ladies from the various Churches mentioned in the lists for the other days, provided for Tuesday, October 27th.

MRS. F. A. AIKEN, *Recording Secretary*.

MRS. W. A. INGHAM, MISS MARTHA VAN MARTER, MISS MARY A. LATHBURY.	} <i>Assistant Secretaries</i> .
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Names and Location of Industrial Homes.

"MATTHEW SIMPSON" INDUSTRIAL HOME, . . .	Orangeburg, S. C.
"GILBERT HAVEN" " " " " " "	Savannah, Ga.
"ATLANTA" " " " " " "	Atlanta, Ga.
"ELIZABETH L. RUST," " " " " " "	Holly Springs, Miss.
"ADELINE M. SMITH," " " " " " "	Little Rock, Ark.

Ladies of Troy Conference are raising money to build a HOME AT GREENSBORO, N. C. The building at this time (January) is in process of erection.

Ladies of New England Southern Conference are raising funds to build a HOME AT CAMDEN, S. C.

Ladies of New Hampshire Conference are raising funds to build a HOME AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Names of Missionaries and Teachers

AND FIELDS OF LABOR.

MISS JOSEPHINE COWGILL, MISSIONARY,	New Orleans, La.
MRS. JOAN BENTLEY, TEACHER,	" " "
MRS. S. M. LEWIS, "Gilbert Haven" Industrial Home, . . .	Savannah, Ga.
MISS V. E. BALDWIN, " " " " " "	" " "
MISS S. F. KEELEY, " " " " " "	" " "
MISS S. O. PERDUM, Supt. "M. Simpson" Indus. Home, . .	Orangeburg, S. C.
MISS F. MITCHELL, " "Atlanta" Indus. Home,	Atlanta, Ga.
MISS S. JOHNSON, " "E. L. Rust" Indus. Home, Holly Springs, Miss.	" " "
MISS E. H. MCINTOSH, " "A. M. Smith" Indus. Home, .	Little Rock, Ark.
MRS. M. A. BIDWELL, Teacher in Seminary,	Salt Lake City, Utah.
MRS. M. M. SKEWES, " " " " " "	Ogden, Utah.
MISS L. M. SANGSTAD, " " " " " "	Scandinavian School, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.
MRS. I. S. SPURLOCK, MISSIONARY,	Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mrs. I. HOWELLS and Mrs. C. A. RICHARDSON, Conference Secretaries of the Texas and West Texas Conferences, have devoted much time to missionary work in their respective conferences, receiving from our Society only a small appropriation for the extension of the work.

Under the sanction of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference, schools have been established in quite a number of places which, for the most part, are self-sustaining. In two cases, where the people are able to pay but little tuition, by request of Miss Cowgill, our Society has paid \$5 per month to the teachers, who are essentially *helpers* in our work. The names of persons so assisted are:

MISS GEORGIANA HALE, teacher at,	New Orleans, La.
MISS LIZZIE TAYLOR, teacher at,	Mt. Zion, La.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary,

MRS. R. S. RUST.

IN response to constitutional obligation, the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of our Methodist Episcopal Church respectfully submits her fourth Annual Report. During another year a kind Providence has smiled upon us, and the sympathy and co-operation of helpful friends have encouraged and sustained us. Fields of culture have been carefully surveyed, inviting missions selected, preparatory work begun, good seed has been freely scattered, and the first fruits of an abundant harvest have been gathered.

THE OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY.

This, as stated in the Constitution, is "to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the needy and destitute women and children of all sections of our country without distinction of race, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Church in educational and missionary work." (See Constitution, Art. II.) It will be seen by this, that the Woman's Home Missionary Society was called into existence to co-operate with other Church agencies in a work which men could not well do, and for which women possessed peculiar qualifications. The cry for help from destitute parts of our own country reached the ear, and touched the heart of women, and they responded to the call and offered their organized aid in "educational and missionary work," for which they are so well fitted by nature and culture. Wherever woman's heart, or brain, or hand is needed in Christian work, and can be joined with kindred workers, *there* is woman's mission, and the Savior's urgent call.

The usefulness of the Society, and its favor with the public, has resulted largely from its power to arrange its methods of work so as to unite in helpful co-operation with other agencies in the field.

PROGRESS.

The Society has gained steadily each year since its organization. Its object in its earlier efforts has been to lay a deep and broad foundation upon which to build, rather than to erect a showy superstructure. The first year secured effective organizations in fourteen conferences; the second, in thirty; the third, in thirty-five; and this, the fourth year, in forty-one. The first year our contributions, in cash and supplies, aggregated \$8,564.98 (supplies amounted to \$1,542.41); the second, \$17,496.87; the

third, \$24,909.80; and this, the fourth year, we will reach \$26,000 in cash and \$19,000 value in supplies.

The Society was organized and tendered its services, in harmony with its constitution, to co-operate with the benevolent societies of the Church, operating in localities of great need in which it desired to work. It first directed its attention to the South, where it found a most destitute field, one of peculiar claims and of great promise. It entered this field to do a work which needed to be done, with such plans as the providence of God, the necessities of the people, and the surrounding circumstances should suggest and approve. It sent thither its missionaries to engage in general missionary work, give instruction in household industries, and aid in every possible way this unfortunate people. The plan was the best that could have been undertaken at the time, but experience soon taught us that the good that we could accomplish by this method would be transient, and that much valuable effort would be wasted for the want of time to crystallize these results in permanent form.

The great want of the poor people in the South is the Christian home, and our Society has entered upon a system of industrial training, by which girls may be prepared to make good homes. Those already educated in books, and of an age to profit by such instruction, while in school are trained for the higher duties and obligations of practical home life. This line of work is sustained by the co-operation of other benevolent organizations of the Church, and it gives to our Society in this section a clearly defined, independent field, distinct in character from that of any other branch of Church benevolence.

In the Western frontiers, our methods have been determined by special needs, and the work has been under the care of the general Missionary Society.

The demand for organized effort on the part of women in the Churches to aid in providing for the neglected populations of our great cities, has suggested a department of local work which has been carefully considered, and a plan for its inauguration will be submitted for consideration at this meeting.

BUREAUS.

As the sphere of the Society has been enlarged, increasing cares and responsibilities have pressed heavily upon the Executive Board, and the necessity of dividing these among a larger number became apparent. This was desirable, not only for the relief of the Executive Board, but for the more intelligent management of the interests involved. To secure this object, two years ago, several "Bureaus of Information" were provided, and distinct fields assigned to each. It has been the duty of the Secretary of each Bureau "to obtain information relating to the work, systematize the knowledge, and forward it, with recommendations, to the Executive Board, quarterly or oftener, and annually to the Board of Managers."

Last year the Executive Board recommended to the Managers "the

appointment of a person or persons to secure the establishment of the work in the unorganized sections of the Church, and, when desirable, to co-operate with the Conference officers for their aid." The Board of Managers voted to add a "*Bureau of Organization*," and the selection of the Secretary being left to the Executive Board, Mrs. Jennie F. Willing, of Chicago, Ill., was chosen, the Board assuming responsibility for the payment of her salary for the year. Mrs. Willing entered zealously upon her work in November, and has made monthly reports of it to the Executive Board, which reports have also been published in the *Woman's Home Missions*.

INDIAN MISSION.

After careful and protracted investigation, there has been inaugurated a promising mission among the Pawnee Indians. This tribe is located in the northern part of the Indian Territory. The mission is under the episcopal supervision of the Church, and the special care of the Missionary Society, through its local superintendent, Rev. S. Snyder. Mrs. Frances L. Gaddis, our missionary, is successfully prosecuting the work in this field. The report of the Secretary of the Bureau for Indians will give interesting information in regard to this mission.

WORK AMONG MORMONS.

Utah and the Mormon Territories present a most inviting field for our Society, and our work there has been prosecuted with encouraging success. During the year we have sustained three teachers in the schools; one in Ogden, one in Salt Lake City, and one in Provo. These ladies have won the cordial approval of our missionaries and the people among whom they have labored. Mrs. Spurlock, in Salt Lake City, and Miss Sangstad, in San Pete valley, have continued successfully their missionary labors. Mrs. Spurlock has extended her work into the neighboring towns, and Miss Sangstad has served as both missionary and pastor. There being now no minister in the San Pete valley, she superintends religious services, and the Sabbath-school in Mt. Pleasant in the morning, and in the afternoon at Ephraim, seventeen miles distant.

Besides this special work, which is adapted to meet certain needs, there is an immediate demand for help to provide small buildings to accommodate our mission schools, where religious services may be held until better accommodation can be provided. The school gathers in the children and young people, and is the nursery of the Church into which it is crystallized by the influence of Christian teachers and missionaries. In this exigency the flexibility of our Society enabled us to meet the demand of the hour. At the last Annual Meeting we appropriated five thousand dollars, contingent on its being provided, as a special fund for the erection of *Lucy Hayes school-houses*, each one to cost from five hundred to one thousand dollars. The Palmer memorial building at Ephraim, which was secured by special donation of Mrs. Joseph Knapp; one at Salt Lake City for the benefit of the Scandinavian population; one at Maroni, secured by donation of Mrs.

Gurley ; and one in Mt. Pleasant, have been aided to the amount of \$2,580. The Chairman of the department of Utah visited the field during the year, and information of special interest will appear in the report of the Bureau.

UNION OF SOCIETIES.

It will be remembered that a proposition was considered last year to unite the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Woman's Missionary Society of the Pacific Coast, and a committee was appointed to promote that object. The organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, under its constitution, in that section, has been interrupted by the severe illness of Rev. Otis Gibson, and the consequent preoccupation of those most intimately connected with the work, though organization is hopefully commenced within the bounds of the California Conferences.

WORK AMONG COLORED PEOPLE.

In considering this important department, certain facts should be recognized that have influenced the Society in its efforts to co-operate with the Church agencies already in the field.

First. The Missionary Society, Church Extension, Sabbath-school Union, and Freedmen's Aid labor side by side, distinct and yet co-operative one with another, each endeavoring to aid and shed light, beauty, and efficiency upon the others. If we enter this field, our Society must come into co-operative relations with the others, for little good can be accomplished without this harmony of effort.

Second. The history of missions proves that the masses are most successfully reached by workers taken from among themselves, properly trained and educated. Societies laboring in the South have mostly retired from the support of primary schools, as these belong to the care of the State, and are, to some extent, provided for by its authority. This work would require large sums of money and a long period of time, in order to reach the people in need of help, while with our limited means a more economical work may be done, by training in industrial pursuits the most promising pupils of our denominational schools, for teachers and missionaries.

Third. Outside of the populous cities only limited provision has yet been made for the education of either white or colored people, and those of both races most in need of our aid are in the country, far from the thoroughfares of travel. They are poor, ignorant, and widely scattered over an immense territory, and can be reached only by the combined efforts of our Church organizations.

Fourth. The schools of the Freedmen's Aid Society are held in high estimation by the people who have enjoyed the advantages of improvement which they afford. This Society has established a net-work of schools extending all over the South, has erected a score of commodious and elegant school-buildings, has sustained nearly two hundred well-educated Christian teachers in this field for eighteen years, at an expenditure of more than a million-and-a-half dollars. In consequence of this,

the influence of the Society among the people whom we seek to elevate is almost boundless; hence our Society, by a proper co-operation with it, may share in its influence and in the rare opportunities for usefulness thus afforded. The patronage of each of these schools of the Freedmen's Aid Society is distributed over large sections of this country, and the students represent the best and most influential families, and this gives our Society and its industrial work an opportunity to extend its influence to all parts of the South.

How to reach the largest number in the shortest time with the least expenditure of money is the perplexing question that demands our attention. Our Society aims at the improvement of home life among the neglected populations in the South by establishing and maintaining schools for the training of girls in womanly pursuits, leaving the ordinary work of education to the schools of the Freedmen's Aid Society and the State. Our Industrial Schools or Model Homes must be filled with girls advanced in knowledge, well educated in books, having high aims in life;—seniors or even graduates of the schools. Such pupils in one year's time can obtain sufficient education in housekeeping and the industries of woman's sphere to become good missionary teachers or competent managers of homes, that will become centers of elevating influence to all. Country populations are too much scattered and neglected to be available for our purpose. In large cities we might find a few who would be willing to be taught special industries, but girls of limited education, of an age to be able to profit by our industrial training, could not be induced to enter schools for housekeeping alone.

Two years ago the Society voted to establish Industrial Schools or "Model Homes" in connection with the institutions of the Freedmen's Aid Society as rapidly as our funds would allow (see report on Industrial Homes, page 53, 2d Annual Report), and the managers have followed the instructions to the best of their ability. For the measure of success secured in this department we refer to the report of the Secretary of the Bureau for Colored People. The work has secured the highest commendation of our own Church, and of other denominations engaged in the same work.

BUREAU OF WHITE WORK.

There is a large class of poor illiterate white people, in the South, almost entirely destitute of Church and school privileges, whose condition makes a strong appeal to the benevolent for aid. Our Church is organized there, and our ministers at great personal sacrifice are doing what they can for the elevation of the people, and any aid that our Society can render them will be most gratefully received. To relieve the poverty and wretchedness of the cabin life of the people, to aid them in Church and school privileges, and thus help them to a higher and a purer life, is a work dear to the heart of the Savior, and one that should receive the sympathy and support of his friends. Auxiliaries could be formed in a

large proportion of the charges, and these organizations would prove a bond of sympathy between our less fortunate sisters and the more favored members of the general Society, and would assure them of our helpful interest and watchful solicitude. The employment of a good Christian woman by our Society to visit the charges, organize auxiliaries and supervise this work, would be of great service.

A Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society has been organized in the Kentucky Conference, and it asks of the General Board of Managers permission to use its collections in behalf of its own territory—a privilege which was granted to the Michigan Conferences last year, and which has proved so satisfactory in results.

A special appeal comes to us in behalf of New Orleans. There is no school there for whites with which our Society can co-operate, and the local Church is weak; but the field is white for the harvest, and it is possible to enter it with our missionaries and co-operate with the workers of the Missionary Society. There is a large neglected French population there which may be reached and may add efficiency to this work. If it shall be thought advisable to start an independent work in addition to that already established in connection with the schools of the Freedmen's Aid Society, we think that there is no better place to start one for the whites, as we have one started at Savannah for the colored people, than at New Orleans.

The report of the Secretary having this special field in charge will furnish additional suggestions.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF ORGANIZATION.

The Constitution of the Society (See Article IV) makes it the duty of the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer of a Conference Society to furnish, quarterly, to the corresponding officers of the General Executive Board, a full statement of the organization and work of the Conference Society and of the moneys collected in its behalf. Convenient forms have been provided on which these reports can easily be made out and forwarded. These will include all important facts in such form that they may readily be tabulated for reference, and they are furnished to all auxiliary officers through the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

The work is new to many, and it has been difficult to bring it, at once, into the desired system. It is hoped that the statements of the work will be fully and clearly reported the coming year by each auxiliary officer, as indicated by the forms and prescribed by the Constitution. This will enable us to do justice to the work of every conference in the summary which will be published quarterly in the *Woman's Home Missions*.

The following table indicates encouraging progress in this particular, although it in many cases falls short of the facts, owing to the difficulty above stated.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONS.

CONFERENCES.	Number of Auxiliaries and Bands.....	MEMBERS.						Honorary Patronesses.....	Honorary Managers.....	Organized during the Quarter ending Oct. 15.		Woman's Home Mission.		No. of Mother's Jewels	No. Beneficiaries aided
		Annual.	Life.	Juvenile Societies.	No. of Auxiliaries		No. of Juvenile Societies.....			No. of Subscribers ending Oct. 15.	No. aided during the Quarter ending Oct. 15.				
					Whole Number..	Added during the Quarter ending Oct. 15.....									
												Number.....	Added during the Quarter ending Oct. 15.....		
Arkansas.....	4	58	1								1	1			
Baltimore.....															
Central N. Y.....	12	391	22							1		45	7		
Central Ohio.....	30	581	52	17	6	230	34	2	1	2	1	205	15	82	
Central Penn.....	3	66				32						25	1		
Cincinnati.....	33	1168		45		201				8		263			
Colorado.....															
Des Moines.....															
Detroit.....	68	1276	97	18	3	70	20	1				242	23	23	
East Ohio.....															
Erie.....	98	2257		28		22						511		42	
Florida.....	9	178										13			
Illinois.....															
Iowa.....	1					21				1				7	
Indiana.....	4	138	7									41			
Kentucky.....	2	39										10			
Little Rock.....	3	46				21				1		6			
Louisiana.....	30	1736	1			415						63			
Maine.....															
Michigan.....	29	420	29	19	1	140						156	18	20	
Newark.....	15	368	185									152	85	3	
New England.....	21	577		36	7	92		2	2	6	1	290		40	4
New Eng. South.....	10	244	7	4		42						81	6	1	
New Hampshire.....	13	185	99	1		20	20	1		6	1	71	41		
New York.....	11	642	50			15	15			2	2	215	12	4	2
New York East.....	2														
Nebraska.....	6	93										28			
North Nebraska.....	4														
New Jersey.....	5	32								1		76			
North Indiana.....	8	51				81						9			
North Ohio.....	38	924	24									260	12	8	8
North-west Ind.....	53	1169	26	13								144	20	5	
North-west Iowa.....	7	115	40									32	9	7	
Northern N. Y.....															
Ohio.....	10	304	31									60			
Philadelphia.....	23	998	30	43				1		3		338			
Pittsburg.....	25	827		23				6	6	2	4	205		7	
Rock River.....															
South Carolina.....															
South-east Ind.....	11	315										100	2		
Southern Illinois.....															
South-west Kan.....	1	21	11									7	2		
St. Louis.....	2		12							2					
Texas.....	32	658	135							23		45	6		
Troy.....	16	587	51	8	7					2		447	58		
Upper Iowa.....	41	941	470	5	1	4						255	150	18	
Vermont.....	15	181	59			47	10			6	1	64	8	12	3
West German.....	1	28													
West Nebraska.....															
West Texas.....	178	342								1		31	6	1	
Washington.....															
Wyoming.....	6	100	72							5		40	7		
	717	17536	1413	261	25	1453	99	12	10	72	10	4530	476	261	49

MEMORIAL.

In closing this report I beg a moment's indulgence for a brief tribute of affection to the two distinguished bishops of our Church who since our last meeting have been relieved from their labors and taken home to heaven. These eminent men took an active part in the elevation of woman everywhere and in the organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and cheerfully rendered any service in their power to advance its interests.

Never shall we forget our last interview with Bishop Simpson in the adjoining home a little more than a year ago, when he addressed us in words of encouragement and tender sympathy. The seal of heaven was on his brow, its light illumined his countenance and his words thrilled our hearts. Though the eloquent lips are silent in death the influence of his holy life shall never die. The sentiments uttered by him in behalf of women shall be prized by us as the richest legacy. The beautiful Industrial Home for the education of girls, just erected in Orangeburg, S. C., is a tribute of loving hearts to the sainted bishop in memory of his interest and efforts for our success.

Just before our last Annual Session Bishop Wiley left us for a foreign field, and on his way thither visited our missions in Utah, counseled with our missionaries, encouraged them in their work, and sent back messages of love to cheer our hearts and give fresh vigor to our efforts. In letters from that distant land to friends he exhibited the deepest solicitude for the Society's welfare, and rejoiced in the cheering intelligence that had reached him of its continued success.

Many now present will remember the eloquent address he delivered to a vast audience gathered in this church where we are now assembled, during the General Conference of 1884, in which he portrayed the claims of the Society, and the needs and opportunities for mission work in our own country. He was its true friend, and watched its growth with constant care. He gave to the Society his advocacy, his money, his prayers, and his dying benediction. And now that his voice is silent, and will be heard no more in our councils, we are oppressed with sorrow at the great loss of one so dear to us and to all who labor for the world's conversion. We will cherish his memory with grateful emotion, and treasure in up our hearts the precious truths he taught while he tarried in our midst, and "talked with us by the way."

Reports of Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

Central New York Conference.

As we present the report of the Central New York Conference, it is with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the encouragement we have that the interests of our Society never rested so heavily upon the hearts of our ladies as now. Although we can not report as great progress as we would be glad to, we believe that much of the work done will bear fruit in the near future. Our auxiliaries have increased from 9 to 13, with three mission bands and one district association to be added. One life membership has been taken, making a total of seven life memberships. The Auxiliary of Aurora Street, Ithaca, has contributed \$100 to name a room in the Holly Springs Home in memory of Mrs. A. W. Green. Mrs. Dudley Morse has given \$105 for the purpose of naming a room in the Savannah Home to be called the Morse room. The Auxiliary of the First Church, Auburn, has paid \$80 of the \$100 needed to name a room in memory of Mrs. Thos. Jones. The total receipts for the year will be found in the Treasurer's report.

By the aid of Mrs. Willing our Conference is more thoroughly organized than ever before, and it is safe to say that much more may confidently be expected of us in the future than in the past.

MRS. H. F. SPENCER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Central Ohio Conference.

THE annual meeting of the Central Ohio Conference was held in Fremont, in May last, and was an excellent meeting. The Society was allowed one afternoon at the Annual Conference in Fostoria, and was represented in this meeting by Miss Cowgill, of New Orleans, and Rev. P. A. H. Franklin, of Utah. The next annual meeting will be held in Sidney, in May next.

Auxiliaries,	21	Annual Members,	451
Churches contributing without		Life Members,	17
organization,	5	Honorary Managers,	2
Mission Bands,	5	Honorary Patrons,	2

DELIA L. WILLIAMS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Central Pennsylvania Conference.

HAVING come but recently into Home Mission work, and seeing our need of a grand rally in the Central Pennsylvania Conference, we trust with prayer, faith, and courage we will be able to aid in preparing the way for the coming of the Master. With two Auxiliaries and one Juvenile Society, we have ninety-four members (scarcely a beginning). Since my appointment as Conference Secretary, these have paid, in dues, \$32.52; one beneficiary has been aided with a box valued at \$30, from the Chambersburg Juvenile Society. Mite boxes have been distributed, one of which has been an especial blessing to our own home. Quite an amount of funds from other sources have been received. In connection with Williamsport Auxiliary we have a sociable, with entertainment by way of music, recitations, etc.; this has been kept up during the Summer, and has been well attended. We are endeavoring to inform the people, and there are prospects of success.

MRS. F. GEARHART, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Cincinnati Conference.

THE past year has been, in some respects, a prosperous one for the Cincinnati Conference Society, one of the most encouraging features being the evidence of increasing appreciation, on the part of the auxiliaries, of the magnitude of the work, and a corresponding increase in interest and zeal. While the work of organization has not progressed as rapidly as we desired, yet we are greatly gratified that the work accomplished in this direction is of such a substantial character as to insure permanency and give promise of continuous growth.

The annual meeting was held in Dayton, October 7th, at which time a full corps of Conference and district officers were elected, and a new impetus was given to the work. The claims of the "*Home Missions*" were forcibly presented, and a special committee was appointed to aid in securing a larger circulation of this valuable paper throughout the bounds of the Cincinnati Conference. The next annual meeting will be held in Xenia, the first week in June.

The present condition of the work is shown by the following statistics:

Number of Auxiliaries,	24	Number of subscribers to	
Increase,	7	<i>Home Missions</i> ,	362
Juvenile Societies,	5	Number of life members,	45
Total membership,	1,169	Honorary Managers,	9
		Honorary Patrons,	5

Contributions have been prompt and liberal, aggregating, in special departments of work, over \$4,000. CLARA ALLEN, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Des Moines Conference.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Des Moines Conference held its anniversary in Wesley Church, Des Moines, September 18, 1885. Mrs. V. W. Moore, Corresponding Secretary, made a verbal report. No organization of local Societies had been effected. Mrs. Jennie F. Willing, Secretary of the Bureau of Organization, was present and delivered a fine address, after which a full corps of officers for the ensuing year was chosen. The subscribers to the *Woman's Home Missions* number thirty-three.

LOU R. BLODGETT, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Detroit Conference.

THE Detroit Conference Society celebrated its first anniversary on September 12, 1885. We have great reason to rejoice in the abundant reward that has attended our labors. The present condition of the work is exhibited by the following statement:

Total number of Auxiliaries,	68	Increase,	65
Life Manager,	1	"	1
Life Members,	19	"	18
Annual Members,	1281	"	1206
Subscribers to <i>Woman's Home Missions</i> ,	247	"	220

The total amount of money raised during the year was \$2,256. The value of boxes of supplies sent, at a low estimate, amounted to \$1,171—making a total of money and money values of \$3,427. At the very threshold of our existence as a Conference Society, a burden unlooked for was rolled upon our shoulders. The Conference desired us to be a Home Missionary Society indeed. It asked that our Society should assist in the Michigan frontier work, in the support of the Gospel among the poor, the ignorant, and the unsaved of our own State. The Conference sent

consecrated men into fields totally unable to maintain them, into the lumber and mining camps, and agricultural regions of the Northern Peninsula—with its eight months of Winter and four of early Spring—and asked: "Would the Woman's Home Missionary Society help to maintain these missionaries?" With the consent of the general Society, this petition was granted, and from the very practical character of our work, and its nearness, it has won a ready entrance into the hearts of the people. That the money sent has done something to lighten the toilsome pathway of the frontier circuit rider we are assured from many sources; and that the large supplies of good and warm clothing, bedding, and other necessities have been a source of comfort we know from the grateful testimony of the recipients themselves. The only special work we have undertaken has been building a parsonage for the Iroquois Indian Mission, at Bay Mills, Sault Ste. Marie District. Mrs. Edward Smith, of Detroit, our Conference President, raised \$200, by life memberships, for this purpose. The lot was generously donated, and also the painting and plastering of the house, by the Messrs. Hall & Co., mill-owners at Bay Mills. We now have a parsonage there valued at \$700, deeded in trust to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The close of the year was also marked by the generous gift to our Auxiliary at Ann Arbor, of \$100, by Mrs. E. E. Royer, which constitutes her the first honorary manager of the Society within the Detroit Conference. The results of this year have not been achieved without toil and sacrifice, and thought and prayer. The work of organization was largely done during the severe cold of last Winter, amid snow, and with the mercury below zero. But God was in his own work, and gave abundant success to it.

The presiding elders of the Detroit Conference, in appreciation of the work done for the missions under their care by our Society, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That we express our hearty appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the Woman's Home Missionary Society in aid of our frontier work.

And the Conference Committee on Woman's Home Missionary Society passed this resolution, with others recommending the work to our continued care, and our auxiliaries to the sympathy and co-operation of the ministers:

Resolved, That we tender to our sisters of the Woman's Home Missionary Society our heartiest thanks for the earnestness and loving devotion which have crowned with such success their disinterested labors in behalf of our work on the frontier.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote of the Conference.

From the vantage ground of this year's successes we shall press forward for larger results in the coming year, seeking to work not alone for own frontier work, but, in addition, to send to the general treasury of the Society a worthy offering

MRS. HENRY WADE ROGERS, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Erie Conference.

THE fifth year of the Erie Conference Society is exhibited by the following statement:

ORGANIZATIONS.

Total number	Auxiliaries,	68	Increase,	50
"	" Young Ladies' Societies,	17	"	7
"	" Juvenile "	5	"	3
"	" Committees,	8	"	8
"	" Organizations,	98	"	68

MEMBERSHIP.

Total Honorary managers,	2	Increase, —
“ Life members,	28	“ 12
“ Annual members,	2,227	“ 1,604
“ Membership,	2,257	“ 1,616

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS.

Total number copies taken,	511	Increase, 217
“ “ Mother's Jewels,	42	
“ “ Mite Boxes held,	220	

FINANCIAL.

Total Moneys,	\$1,538.32	Increase, \$863.34
“ Mission supplies (45 pkgs.),	1,551.62	“ 804.34
“ Moneys and mission supplies,	\$3,089.94	“ \$1,667.68

A word of praise is due to the character of our mission supplies. They have been, almost without exception, *very* valuable, and yet rated very low. The cost of transportation has been carefully looked after, each Society reporting it to the Conference Treasurer; and the result has been to prove mission supplies to be an economical method of aiding the work of the Society.

In the above financial statement seventeen organizations do not appear; fourteen of these are new. In Erie Conference we have not a single large city, and in some parts financial matters are very vacillating, and communities not permanent. To have the annual membership dues accord with the number of annual members is found to be impracticable. We must accept our members believing in their sincere intentions; and if, for any reason, they fail to pay their dues, their names should not be erased, but efforts kind and cordial should be put forth to win them to a recognition of their duty, and to secure them as paying members for the next year. The remarkable success of Miss Ella J. Betts in organizing, during the Winter, added fifty societies (including seven committees). The various Conference and District officers organized eighteen more societies. So large an increase of organizations within a brief time placed an unusual burden of responsibility and labor upon those in general charge of the work, but the cordial co-operation which they met made the task a very happy one.

GONE TO THEIR ETERNAL REWARD.

Mrs. Hannah Barber, a mother in Israel, who was Honorary Manager of our Society by her own donation, passed triumphantly away. She bequeathed some real estate to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, but, being in litigation, it can not appear in this year's financial statement.

Mrs. Sperry, Corresponding Secretary of the Chautauqua Auxiliary, and Mrs. Darling, President of the Westfield Young Ladies' Society, were called away while still effective and full of good works. Their memory is an inspiration to those remaining to do more and better for the Master.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.

The interest increases in these. Auxiliary societies find much pleasure in raising money for the purpose of making some valued member a Life member. The Conneantville Auxiliary raised a *Memorial* Life Membership in memory of Mrs. E. P. McCabe, who died in September, 1884.

THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

The local missionary work of the Society has been carried on by twelve of the societies. Mostly, caring for the poor and the sick, and clothing destitute children for Sunday-school, have been the lines of work; but in one case the department has been devoted to aiding in the erection of a church edifice greatly needed. Titusville Auxiliary was requested by the pastor, at the beginning of the year, to allow the Ladies' and Pastor's Union to be merged into their Local department. They consented, and the arrangement has proved to be a good one.

LEAFLETS, ANNUAL REPORTS, ETC.

These have been distributed systematically, with the purpose of utilizing them most advantageously. The Annual Reports are much prized. Even our youthful workers value them. The President of a Young Ladies' Society wrote, on receiving copies for herself and her officers: "Many thanks for the Annual Reports. We are going to make a real study of them, and hope to know more about the work we are beginning to love." A gentleman, whose daughter is Corresponding Secretary of another Young Ladies' Society, is much interested in her work. He wrote us as follows: "I have just been giving the Third Annual Report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society a careful reading, and am delighted with the success these noble, God-fearing women are having in this wide, everywhere open field. From the organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society I have believed it to be a branch of the Father's own planting; and, with the Father's blessing, and the earnest efforts of the Christian women of this great country, what can we expect but success? To yourself and the co-workers in the Erie Conference there must be real pleasure that Erie Conference stands so near the head of the class in every department of Home Missionary work, and I have read the report with a real *Christian* pride for old Erie Conference and her noble band of Christian women workers. . . . In conclusion, I will say that all I think you need for complete success may be found in the little boy's composition on *Success*: 'Go on! Go on! Go on! Go on! Go on!'"

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

Four of our six Districts held annual District Conventions the past Summer. Franklin District in unison with the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, at Tidioute, Pa.; Erie and Jamestown Districts united at Chautauqua, N. Y.; and Meadville District held theirs at Mill Village, Pa. Two delegates from each Society in the District were invited, also visitors. Our Young Ladies' and Juvenile Societies were represented and took active part, adding much to the general interest of the Convention. It is our intention to hold a Convention in each district, at some convenient time, every year.

AN INCIDENT.

Many pleasing incidents of Christ-like self-denial and endeavor come to the knowledge of the Conference Secretary, and she would fain relate them all. For want of space she relates but one. A young lady, a member of one of our Auxiliaries, who is dependent on her own efforts for a livelihood, desiring to give more than her salary would admit, gave her gold watch—her only valuable treasure—to the Society as a thank offering. What wonder that the members of that Auxiliary were stimulated to pledge themselves to add to the watch a sufficient sum to name a room in an Industrial Home—the room to bear the young lady's name!

CONFERENCE TREASURER.

We are happy to state that the labor which has, during the past year, proved far too great for *one*, is to be shared by a valued worker. Mrs. F. H. Beck, of Du Bois, Pa., was duly elected Treasurer of the Conference Society at its annual meeting, held September 11, 1885.

"O, blessed work for Jesus!
O, rest at Jesus' feet!
There toil seems pleasure,
My wants a treasure,
And pain for him is sweet.
Lord, if I may,
I'll serve another day."

MRS. C. V. CULVER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Indiana Conference.

Our eight months of organization have not resulted in all we could wish for our home land. When first organized by Mrs. Willing, the latter part of last February, the work was hard to get started because of the very cold weather, which prevented the ladies from attending the meetings. While of some it can be said, this is the only work they will do for missions, others take no interest whatever. The needs of the poor whites of the South, of the colored people of the same land, the evils of *Utah* calling so loudly for the healing the blessed Gospel of our Christ would bring, as well as the needs of the foreign population on our shores, are alike unheeded by the greater number.

Many things have discouraged us. Still there has been *sweetest* comfort in the thought *it is* for Christ our King, and so the weeks have gone by until now comes *roll call* and we must answer if we have stood in our place, if we have done the work the best we could.

Indiana Conference has five districts. Of these but one is well organized. Indianapolis District has four Auxiliaries. Meridian Street Church in this district has sent in a list of ninety-three members, and over eighty dollars in money. We wanted every dollar collected, but our Treasurer resigned and the new one has not as yet become familiar with her work in this Auxiliary. Forty *Home Missions* are taken: the regular monthly meetings have been held, and one tea meeting; also one district meeting was held in this district at California Street Church, in May last. We had a most excellent meeting, with a night session, at which addresses were given in behalf of home mission work. California Street has a Society of twenty-five members. Bloomington District has a local organization for home mission work. They have as yet sent in but fifty cents, but want to be counted. The reports from Rockport District, and New Albany District show some interest, but not as much as could be desired.

In September the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society was held in Meridian Street Church, Indianapolis, and there Miss Keeley, who has been long identified with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, signified her intention of engaging in the Home Missionary work, and subsequently took a place as teacher in the Haven Home, at Savannah, Ga.

Some of the officers were changed, new ones being elected. Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy, of Center Point, was elected Corresponding Secretary. She is an efficient woman, and will do good work for the Society.

MRS. J. P. SIDDALL, for the *Corresponding Secretary.*

Louisiana Conference.

Our Woman's Home Missionary work in the State of Louisiana is at present in a more prosperous condition than it has been at any time since

its organization. We have more auxiliary societies and mission schools, and Christian workers, and a deeper interest manifested in this work than we have had at any time heretofore. Much of this prosperity is due to the zeal and self-denying labors of our colored sisters who are engaged in this work, especially to our champion worker, Sister Hester Williams, whose praise is in all the Churches.

In our Louisiana Conference we now have fifty-nine auxiliary societies, with a membership of 2,151. Mission schools, 25; subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, 63. Over \$300. have been raised and used by our auxiliary societies in much needed local work, and we now have \$66 in our treasury.

SPECIAL WORK DONE BY THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Religious visits made, 3,600; Religious meetings held, 300; Letters written, 500; Garments given to poor, 600; Tracts distributed, 8,000.

JOSEPHINE COWGILL, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Michigan Conference.

OUR Society was organized at Lansing, September 12, 1884, during the session of the Annual Conference. Though we have not accomplished all we desired, and are also conscious of defective planning, yet with the means at hand we have done our very best. With the work now fairly in our hands, we are sure another year will show far greater results. It will be remembered that the field of work assigned us for the year was Northern Michigan, and an appropriation of \$2,500.00 was granted, conditioned upon our raising that amount. In arranging the plan of work for the year, by the sanction of the presiding elders, who were made our Advisory Board, our Conference Executive Board proceeded to make the following schedule of apportionments by districts: Albion District, \$400; Kalamazoo District, \$400; Grand Rapids, \$400; Ionia, \$375; Lansing, \$375; Coldwater, \$275; Niles, \$225; Big Rapids, \$50. Total, eight districts, \$2,500.

This schedule and vouchers for money sent were duly accepted by the General Executive Board. We have aided during the year the families of more than thirty ministers who would else have suffered. Following is a summary of work by districts.

DISTRICTS.	Number of Auxiliaries.....	Increase this year.....	Number of Members.....	Increase this year.....	Number of Life members.....	Increase this year.....	Number of Sub's W. H. M.	Cash sent North.....	Cash sent South.....	Number of Packages.....	Value of Packages.....	For Unh.....	Local Work.....	Total cash and supplies.....
Albion.....	3	2	59	59	.....	6	6	\$32 00	.....	7	\$202 00	.....	.....	284 00
Coldwater.....	3	2	55	30	.....	22	22	46 00	.....	3	110 00	.....	.....	156 00
Kalamazoo.....	5	4	98	98	.....	2	17	139 12	.....	13	349 32	.....	\$74	562 44
Niles.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 30	.....	2	34 75	.....	.....	57 05
Grand Rapids.....	2	2	50	50	.....	5	5	87 50	.....	3	205 00	.....	.....	292 50
Ionia.....	3	1	41	19	.....	1	12	51 00	.....	5	117 00	6 00	.....	174 00
Lansing.....	8	6	167	146	.....	4	14	144 75	.....	4	112 00	.....	.....	256 75
Big Rapids.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	20 00	.....	.....	20 00
Grand Traverse.....	1	1	20	20	.....	.....	.....	100 00	\$100	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00
Grand Total.....	27	20	490	422	.....	7	77	76 679 67	\$100	38	1150 07 6 00	.....	74	\$2002 74

The auxiliary in Grand Traverse District was organized at Bay View during the camp-meeting last August, and is worthy of special mention. The Scripture saying, "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou

excellest them all," is literally true of this organization. Under the inspiration from the presence and speeches of Bishops Mallalieu and Bowman, on missionary day there were raised at Bay View \$400. Of this amount, \$200 were given Bishop Mallalieu for building churches in the South. The other \$200 were appropriated for our frontier work. This money was raised by the two Conferences, Detroit and Michigan, and equally divided between them; so we have a nice total for Grand Traverse District for our Conference, of \$200, distributed as follows: For building churches South, \$100; for frontier work North, \$100; total, \$200. We commenced the work of this year with seven auxiliaries and seventy-eight members reported.

Though we have in no sense accomplished what we could have wished, we have yet reason to "thank God and take courage." The work has demanded and received the greater part of my time and attention. To aid it, and to encourage organization, I have written two hundred and thirty-eight letters and postals, have given four public addresses, and have written several articles for the press. 'Tis not a very great work I have done, but as a busy housewife I can only say, I have done the *very best* I could. The vastness of this field of Christian effort I realize more, and deplore most heartily the lack of interest in it among our Church women. And yet there is an *awakening*, and a *rallying among the ranks*. We are asking for and expecting a baptism of work and enlightenment, that the coming years may be filled with victories for our Christ.

MRS. W. J. ALDRICH, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Nebraska Conference.

LITTLE work has been done in this Conference. It was not until the last of February that I had sufficiently recovered from the injuries which kept me in my room six months, to consider any subject but *self*.

The 1st of March I went to Kansas, intending to remain three months, and organize in Kansas and Missouri. I visited the North-west Kansas, the South-west Kansas, and the Kansas Conferences; also the St. Louis and Missouri Conferences, and organized each on a substantial basis, and secured 112 subscribers to the "*Home Missions*." Thence I was summoned home on account of the illness of my son, and many watchful hours and days were spent by his bedside. The 1st of June I went to Washington, D. C., as Delegate to the National Conference of Charities and Corrections. While there I represented Utah's needs, in the Metropolitan and Foundry Churches. On the day when I was to have presented the interests of the Home Missionary Society in North Nebraska Conference my son was too ill to be left. I had expected to return to Kansas and Missouri for the month of September, in which States I had engagements in the leading cities when I was called home in April. Awaiting definite orders from the Executive Board, the month of September passed without answer. All the past two years, since I became identified with the Home Missionary organization, dear sisters, I have been strangely led in a way I knew not, could not know. The burden which has been laid upon me is heavy; but a message of unutterable sweetness lingers ever in my soul—"It is I"—and I am *not afraid*.

To-day Mrs. Spurlock returns to us, having wrought a blessed work. We feel that, as a Conference, we did something worthy when we raised the money to place Mrs. Spurlock in the field. She has not disappointed our hope. By the testimony of many who know, she has done more to remove obstructions to Christian effort among the Mormon women than any who have preceded her. Her works praise her. She needs no eulogy. Of the peculiar nature of that work she will herself speak to you.

As to the coming year I can only add: If *God will*, we shall do this or that.

ANGIE F. NEWMAN, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Newark Conference.

THE past year has been a memorable one in the history of the Woman's Home Missionary Society within the bounds of the Newark Conference. Previous to this time two or three isolated auxiliaries had been formed, and a few women's hearts enlisted in this cause. The appeals of Mrs. Rust at two of our Conference sessions, and the hearty indorsement of this Society by Bishops Wiley and Warren, had prepared the way, while the action of the last General Conference had left us without excuse. So, when our energetic Secretary of the Bureau of Organization, Mrs. Willing, came among us as a providential agent in this movement, she rallied the scattered forces, enlisted new recruits, and, after much prayer and earnest pleading, she formally organized the Newark Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, December 18, 1884. The advantages arising from a central and well-organized Executive Board have become more and more apparent as the work has developed before us.

We have now 11 auxiliaries and 4 Young Ladies' Bands, with a total membership of 525, and 212 subscribers to the *Woman's Home Missions*.

Boxes of supplies to the value of \$600 have been forwarded to the West and South during the past year.

The auxiliary of Central Church, Newark, has the honor of being the banner society of the Conference, having collected \$218.50 since its organization in January last, besides a donation of \$1,000 from one of its leading members. The work of the Young Ladies' Bands deserves special notice. The Young Ladies' Band of Westfield, N. J., composed of only twelve members, resolved, soon after its organization, to furnish a room in the Savannah Home. After three months of most enthusiastic effort they had the pleasure of forwarding the entire outfit for a room valued at \$69.50, and receiving the gratifying response from Mrs. Lewis, "God will bless your efforts. All you sent was so complete, not one thing was forgotten." The Young Ladies' Band of St. James Church, Elizabeth, has assumed the care of an orphan in the Savannah Home, and, with commendable zeal, is planning to do missionary work among the poor and neglected of its own city. The Young People's Band of West Side Avenue Church, Jersey City, composed of Sunday-school scholars—boys and girls—is already rejoicing in the reflex influence of the little it has been permitted to do in this blessed cause. The auxiliary organized by Mrs. Willing at Tabor, our Camp Meeting resort, in August last, is full of promise. Officered by a competent band of consecrated young women, we expect its anniversaries from year to year will be specially blessed, and prove an inspiration to the work throughout the Conference.

We are so near the deafening roar of the great metropolis of our country that our people often can think of little else. So we have come to believe that our women need this Home Missionary Society for their own spiritual development quite as much as it needs our aid. It is our profound conviction that, if a Woman's Home Missionary meeting could be held once a month in every church, when special prayer would be made for our own homes and the homes of our entire country, and the causes thoughtfully considered that are threatening the peace and safety of these homes, the women of our Churches would soon be led to a more complete consecration of themselves to God, and to earnest effort for the salvation of our beloved America. MRS. J. I. BOSWELL, *Corresponding Secretary*.

New England Conference.

THE Home Missionary work commenced with us, when Mrs. Dr. Rust, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Williams made that memorable visit to our Churches. It received a new impetus the following year from Mrs. Dunton, who

addressed the Annual Conference in Boston, thrilling the hearers with some of her experiences. This year the flying visit of Mrs. Willing has greatly increased the interest in this cause; her wise suggestion in regard to our work, we have been trying to carry out.

One of the most pleasing meetings of the year was the anniversary at Asbury Grove Camp Ground, arranged by Mrs. J. H. Mansfield and Miss Hannah Haven, sister of our late beloved bishop. These exercises were held in connection with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Many of the ladies representing each society sat side by side on the platform, and the greatest harmony prevailed. Lovingly but persistently we are pushing this work, and six new auxiliaries have been formed this year, making eighteen in all. Our attention has been turned to the children whom we hope to utilize in this cause. Already we have one prosperous Band in Lynn. We are greatly indebted to Rev. V. A. Cooper, who on all occasions has constantly and untiringly aided us in this work. The result of our year's labor has been read by your Treasurer, which includes the sum of money raised, with a large amount of supplies.

MISS MARIA NEWHALL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New England Southern Conference.

WE can not report the full measure of success that we had hoped for in the special work granted to us by the Executive Committee one year ago. The work undertaken by us, to establish an Industrial School and Model Home, at Camden, S. C., has so commended itself to our people, that a largely increased interest in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society has been awakened. At the session of the New England Southern Conference last April, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Woman's Home Missionary Society has already made itself a place in the hearts of many of the best women of the Church by showing its adaptation to the special work for which it was organized; and also has been placed by the General Conference among the regular benevolent organizations of the Church, and provision made for its establishment in our Annual Conferences and local Churches; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we recognize with pleasure the aim and scope of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and will encourage, as we have opportunity, the organization of auxiliary societies in all our charges where practicable.

2d. That we indorse the plan proposed by our own Conference Society of establishing, at Camden, S. C., on grounds donated to the Society, an Industrial Home, to which the money raised within our bounds shall under the restrictions of the parent Society be appropriated.

Although the great depression in business circles affects our manufacturers, yet the promises of aid in donations and life memberships are gratifying. Pledge cards for ten dollars, and for one dollar, the latter for children, each representing a share in the Model Home, have been issued. These cards having been given out just prior to the Summer vacations, we have not called in, as the Fall and Winter months are considered best for such work. The amount for naming five rooms—one hundred dollars for each room—has been promised.

We shall ask that the promised donations and life memberships and the amount collected on pledge cards be returned at or before the next session of our Annual Conference.

We find a sweet reluctance in our hearts to suggesting that, as we are restricted to our own Conference limits in making our appeals for aid in our special work, our funds be not diverted to other work; and that it will please us well if the fruits of our garden for this season be left to be gathered by ourselves.

SARAH A. MATHER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New Hampshire Conference.

I HAVE been informed that our reports must be limited to two or three minutes; surely, not much can be reported in that time. The past year has been the day of small things in the New Hampshire Conference Society. The first auxiliary was organized October 1, 1884. Two others came into existence before April, 1884, when a Conference Society was formed. Since that time seven auxiliaries and one juvenile society, have fallen into line to the tune of the grand, old battle hymn, "The Whole Wide World for Jesus." We now have 200 members, and the amount they have given in money and supplies will be found in the report of the Treasurer. The Mite-boxes have been received with great favor by the children. We have an earnest, faithful missionary in Miss Emerson, and three more are ready to go when wanted. The work was so new in the State when the Conference Society was formed, that officers could not be found among those attending Conference, so some of our officers were nominated without their consent, and had no knowledge of the work. The President has great interest, but poor health hinders the grand service she would gladly give. Conference officers should be those who can give considerable time and strength, but how seldom do idle women heed the Lord's call to work like this! It is the busy woman, having a mind to work, who draws a long breath, braces herself to carry a little more, and meekly says:

"If Thou hast work for me to do,
Inspire my heart, my strength renew;
And work both in and by me too,
But work in me thy will."

If a good foundation is laid this year, we will thank God and take courage. It takes a granite boulder some time to get started, but, once in motion, it often does considerable execution. We have large hopes of these auxiliaries and the "more to follow."

MRS. N. C. ALGER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New Jersey Conference.

THE New Jersey Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized in New Brunswick, March 20, 1885, by Mrs. J. F. Willing, with Mrs. Gen. C. B. Fisk, President; Mrs. C. F. Garrison, Corresponding Secretary; and efficient ladies as district officers. We have sixty members, eighty-two subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*,¹ 140 Mite-boxes in circulation. The Ocean Grove auxiliary has raised \$10.52, has sent supplies valued at \$90, and has aided five beneficiaries. The Society since its organization has sent over \$100 for the general treasury. Allow me to prophesy that the little one will become a thousand.

MRS. C. F. GARRISON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New York Conference.

THE New York Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, was organized April 6, 1885, at the session of the Conference in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Previous to this a partial organization had been effected, and one auxiliary formed in 24th Street Church, New York City.

During the few weeks that intervened before the Summer scattering, six auxiliaries were formed, largely through the efficient labors of Mrs. J. F. Willing.

We now number nine auxiliaries, with a membership of over six hundred, one children's Band, five Life Members, and between two and three hundred subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*. The support of two girls

in the Haven Home has been undertaken, and several barrels and boxes of supplies have been sent to the South and to the frontier. Interest has been awakened in several Churches, where, as yet, no organizations exist, and we regard the outlook as altogether hopeful. We are looking to the "Lord of the Harvest" for large increase of interest, and of consequent practical effort, during the year to come, and all "for the love of Christ, and in His name." MARTHA VAN MARTER, *Corresponding Secretary*.

New York East Conference.

No complete report can be given, as the Secretary, immediately after taking upon herself the responsibility of this position, left her home for a long trip across the continent. This journey gave us an opportunity of learning much concerning our work among the Mormons, and the need of work among the Chinese, the Indians, and the New Mexicans. An auxiliary was established in Las Vegas, New Mexico. There are flourishing societies in Hartford, Conn., and Washington St. and Hanson Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. In Hanson Place we have 157 members, 33 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, and 13 self-sacrifice life memberships. Next year a full and satisfactory report will be rendered.

A. C. MORROW, *Corresponding Secretary*.

North Nebraska Conference.

THE first annual meeting of the North Nebraska Conference Society was held at Ponca, Sept. 5, 1885. The Corresponding Secretary was absent from the State almost the entire year, so that no auxiliaries were formed by her. One auxiliary at Norfolk was reported. The Conference Society members, 22; subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, 22. Altogether we have secured 41 subscribers for the coming year. A full corps of officers were elected at the annual meeting, and with this full organization we hope to do much in this work for the ensuing year. We are very grateful for the timely aid of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in our new Conference.

MRS. J. B. MAXFIELD, *Corresponding Secretary*,

For MRS. W. C. CATHERWOOD.

Northern New York Conference.

As the Society in the Northern New York Conference was organized only last Spring, our organization is mostly on paper. One of our ladies, Mrs. Pamela Felt, of Watertown, has pledged herself to furnish a room in the Simpson Home at Orangeburg; and a Young Ladies' Society at Black River has taken upon itself the support of a girl in the Haven Home. We have also done a little work in the way of sending supplies to the frontier. Mrs. Willing, when she organized the Conference, raised \$80 for the Society.

JENNIE M. BINGHAM, *Corresponding Secretary*.

North Ohio Conference.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society in the North Ohio Conference, during the past year, has been marked by a steady growth if not a rapid one. Although a year of some financial depression throughout our territory, most of the auxiliaries have held on their way, and several new ones have been organized. The District officers have, without exception, been helpful and efficient, and an intelligent zeal has characterized the work within our borders.

The Conference meeting at Norwalk was honored by the presence of our chief officer, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, and proved an occasion of profit and inspiration.

The two hundred dollars for Savannah Industrial Home, pledged at the last Annual Meeting, has been met—with forty dollars in addition. With gratitude for the past, we enter hopefully into the work of the new year.

MRS. G. A. HUGHES, *Corresponding Secretary.*

North-west Indiana Conference.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society of this Conference is not quite one year old; and, although the youngest of our Conference organizations, we are glad to have a place among the workers of our growing, progressive Church, a Church that means to do its part in redeeming the world for Christ. The object and aims of our Society were represented by Mrs. Rust and Mrs. Dunton at the session of our Annual Conference in 1883, and the committee appointed to report on the work presented a list of names for Conference organization. As the ladies were appointed without previous consultation, none of them were able to serve, consequently no work was done. In December of last year the present Secretary undertook the work, with much fear and trembling; but, remembering that it is written in the "Book," "*I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee,*" the work of organization was commenced, and on December 16th our first auxiliary was organized at South Bend. Since that time there have been organized 49 auxiliaries, with 1,159 members and 15 life members, and 177 subscribers for *Woman's Home Missions*. In reporting the number of auxiliaries organized, we would not have it understood that *all* of these are strong working societies. Some of them are small and weak, perhaps only a nucleus, around which we hope may be gathered many more, who, as they become better informed in regard to the condition and needs of our country, will become more and more interested in trying to help forward the work that comes to them with such strong appeals from every part of our country.

Our meeting at the Battle Ground Camp-meeting was a success in every way. We had with us Mrs. Marcy, of Evanston, who helped us much by her very interesting address. We were also granted an afternoon at the session of our last Annual Conference, in September. Although we were disappointed in not securing some one of the representative ladies of our Society, we were very fortunate in pressing Dr. Marine into service, who very eloquently portrayed the need of a Woman's Home Missionary Society. At the close of these exercises, a meeting of the ladies was held for the purpose of organizing a Conference Society. A full corps of officers were elected—earnest ladies who had been visited, and whose consent had been obtained, and whose hearts are in the work; and we feel that we are now ready to help in this blessed work of redeeming this loved land of ours for Christ.

MRS. S. A. MATTHEWS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

North-west Iowa Conference.

AFTER being the lone representative of the Woman's Home Missionary Society at the North-west Iowa Conference for two years, you can judge of the great satisfaction, at our anniversary at Storm Lake, September 24, 1885, to have, on the platform with me, our Recording Secretary, Conference Secretary, Treasurer, and two other ladies to conduct the devotional exercises. After the reading of reports and an address by Mrs. Springer, very able addresses were given by Dr. Cranston and Rev. Bro. Layton. By an apparently special providence, our business meeting of September 25th was arranged, by invitation, for the 2 o'clock hour, Friday,

when Dr. Keeler gave a most instructive address, followed by the election of officers, soliciting members and subscribers for our lovely, model paper. An inquiry, "Who is doing any thing for the poor whites of the South?" proved that all had not carefully read page 92 of our Third Annual Report. The faithful Conference Secretary has been most indefatigable in her correspondence of over 100 letters and postals, sending out the Reports intrusted to her care at her own expense, after paying the express on them to Rock Rapids.

The pastors, in many instances, declined having Home Missions presented to their Churches, but let us hope all will be willing the coming year. The Society at Sheldon received no care from the Church, and will not be successful till some kind heart leads the way. I have personally requested the pastor's aid there. Rock Rapids, organized July 6, 1884, received such tender fostering, by Rev. and Mrs. Marsh, that when they renewed the membership, July, 1885, seventy members were secured. Le Mars, Sioux Falls, and Cherokee, will always have a share in the funds of the Society as long as some women live. Mrs. Mills, of Vail, writes me, "I want the children to thoroughly understand the work. I lend my paper over and over again. We send papers, etc., as they are called for, through our paper, *Home Missions*, and will continue to do so;" and so from Vail come seven Mother's Jewels. A society rarely dies if the pastor and wife will lend the helping hand. Mrs. Grace, of Dakota City, has accomplished wonders with her "Band of Willing Workers," teaching the tiny little pets to piece a quilt, knit, crochet, paint, etc., and bringing to the treasury \$5 for Home, and \$5 for Foreign Missions—which includes her \$1 to each, with the penny a week of these little ones, to be counted as endless store by and by. Mrs. Brown, of Sergeants Bluffs, brings \$7 from her society of young people, and I have promised a visit to their well-kept vineyard the coming year. Mrs. Carter, our faithful Recording Secretary, brings \$5 from Sac City, while Rev. Mr. Carter invites the work and workers to his field at any time. From Hartley, the home of our beloved President, now Treasurer again, comes \$2.50 (which is more than a million for St. Paul, Cincinnati); from Manson, \$3.50; and a goodly number of dollars from members of the Conference Society, as will appear through our Treasurer, dear Mrs. Williams, whose husband gave his royal life for the Home Missionary work in Iowa. A pleasing memory is the hearty invitation of a guest of the Conference, Dr. O'Neal, to visit Corning District, Des Moines Conference, in the interest of this work.

We greatly regret our inability to secure several delegates from Northwest Iowa and Upper Iowa Conferences to this Annual Meeting. Very kindly resolutions of thanks were passed for my presence and aid, and all agreed our anniversary was a grand success. On Monday evening, September 28th, notwithstanding the fatigue of entertaining the Conference, which adjourned at noon, a well filled church listened to Mrs. Springer for over an hour on the work and success of Home Missions, after which I organized a Society of seventeen members, leaving it with the comforting assurance of Mrs. J. B. Lemon, that she "would not let it die." By personal requests I secured forty-nine subscribers for *Home Missions*, in two and one-half days at this Conference. The increase from no gift in 1883 to over \$55 in 1884, and to nearly \$200 in 1885, compels the thought, "Behold what hath God wrought!" Conference collection, \$10.

MRS. COL. SPRINGER, *by request of*

MRS. S. P. MARSH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Ohio Conference.

OWING to sickness in the family of Mrs. Brush, she was obliged to resign her position as Secretary in the middle of the year. The work has

been embarrassed by the change, and, though there has been progress, the Conference is far from possessing a perfect organization. The Districts have from one to four auxiliaries each. The Lancaster Camp-meeting auxiliary held an anniversary marked by enthusiasm and results. Our Conference has been especially favored this year by the visits of active missionaries. At the Camp-ground Miss Cowgill told of her own work in New Orleans, and Rev. Mr. Thirkield, of Clark University, emphasized the need of this Society in the South. At this meeting we received a donation of \$100. One from our midst, Bro. McLaughlin, goes this year to the French work at New Orleans. Bro. Franklin addressed the Conference meeting in regard to Utah. \$250 comes from our Conference as an individual donation to the school work of Utah. The distribution of leaflets and reports has done much good.

Number of Auxiliaries,	20	Increase, 1
“ Young Ladies Societies,	3	“ 1
Total Number of Organizations,	23	“ 2
Life Members,	20	Increase, 6
Honorary Managers,	6	“ 4
Total Membership,	497	“ 46

MRS. T. W. STANLEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Philadelphia Conference.

“We take no note of time, save by its flight.”

It seems but yesterday since we wrote our last report and said another year of our history as a Society has gone into eternity, and we wondered what record it had borne for the Master. Now the same questions present themselves again, and we will try to give a retrospect of the year, trusting that the little seeds of deeds and efforts scattered broadcast over its surface may have taken root, and that eternity will reveal many garnered sheaves of the ripened grain. Our President and Recording Secretary returned from the last Annual Meeting full of new zeal and love for the work. The members of the monthly meeting waited with great interest to hear their report of the land, and they proved not faithless, but, like Caleb and Joshua in the sacred story, gave us assurance of a goodly land to be possessed, and we were ready to push forward and take our beloved land in the name of the Lord. Just as we were forming into line Mrs. J. F. Willing came to us, and, like a wise general, arranged our forces into Districts, making our work so much more systematic. During her stay several of our most important auxiliaries were formed, and her eloquent and beautiful addresses were a great inspiration to the work. Spring Garden Street, Green Street, Ebenezer, Fifth Street, and Haines Street Young Ladies' societies are flourishing trophies of her visit.

In December an all-day meeting was held at 1018 Arch Street, which was exceedingly interesting. Our indefatigable President organized a society at Tioga, in January, and one at Arch Street and Western in February. Mrs. Willing attended the session of our Conference. We held an anniversary and organized an auxiliary in Madison Street Church, Chester. In March our first District meeting was held at Grace Church. The morning was given to the Annual Meeting and election of officers; and after lunch, so generously provided by the ladies of the Church, reports from each Corresponding Secretary of the auxiliaries of the District were read. Ten-minute papers on different topics were then given, and the day was pronounced one of most enjoyable success. During the same month an auxiliary was formed at Paul Street, Frankford. During May.

Auxiliaries were formed at Easton and at Tabernacle Church. In September Mrs. Goff and Mrs. Pierce came to Reading and organized societies at Fourth Street, St. Peters, and at Covenant, the three Methodist Churches of this city. Within the present month the pastor of Wharton Street effected an organization in his charge of 25 members. We have now just three times as many auxiliaries as we had at this time one year ago, viz., 24. We have 1,023 members and 338 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*. We believe there exists in the hearts of the women of Philadelphia a warm desire to see this Society greatly prosper and succeed in our midst. We have found that where people thought they could do nothing, packing a box became the initiative, and from the box packing grew a flourishing auxiliary.

Our special project for the year has been the building of an Industrial Home at Orangeburg, S. C., and, as a token of regard and esteem for the beloved bishop whom we mourn as having gone from our midst, we have named it the Matthew Simpson Memorial Home. We are glad to have the Convention assemble here, and feel honored with the presence of these elect ladies; and we trust that an influence will go forth that shall redound to the glory of God through the cycles of eternity.

CLARA H. BICKLEY, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Pittsburg Conference.

OUR Conference Society, a little more than a year old, is still almost a helpless child, and, instead of helping the mother, feels very keenly the need of patient, watchful care, such as none but a loving parent can bestow; and we come at this time, asking that you will be very lenient with us until we have grown a little stronger. Our hearts are very sad at this meeting with you because it brings so fresh to our minds the great loss we sustain in the death of our beloved sister, Mrs. C. A. Grant, who was our leader in this Home Mission work, and one to whom we looked for advice in all our deliberations. Her death has seemed to cast a gloom over all our work, and, while we have the blessed assurance that she has joined the great company of the redeemed in Heaven, we still miss her gentle Christian example and her wise counsel.

We have tried during the past year, in various ways, to arouse the good people of our Conference to a realizing sense of the great need of Home Missionary work. We trust that some good seed has been sown, and are very earnestly praying that the sunshine of God's love will cause it to germinate, and that from it many sheaves may be garnered for the Lord.

The depression in every branch of business in our city and the surrounding country has been a great barrier in the way of our work. Many of the Churches in the mining districts are very poor, and have needed constant help. Within less than thirty miles of our city are forty thousand Hungarians, and one may go to the interior of Africa and not find more need of mission work than among these people; and we fully realize that for the protection of our homes we must Christianize the heathen at our door. We have, from time to time, assisted the poor Churches in our Conference, and only regret that we were not able to do more. I wish I had time to tell you more about this local work. If I should, I am sure you would tell the Pittsburg sisters to remember that when our Savior sent out his disciples, he commanded them to begin at Jerusalem.

We have held our regular monthly meetings, and at times have flattered ourselves that we could see a growing interest in the missionary cause. We have six auxiliaries, which have sent large quantities of clothing, groceries, bedding, etc., to different localities in the West, and in answer, have received letters of gratitude that have paid us four-fold for all our labor. We are sorry not to report greater success in our Conference, but

ask your prayers that we may have wisdom from on high to direct and guide us every step of the way, so that each day some work may be done for the Master.

MRS. H. C. DICKINSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Rock River Conference.

THE statistical report of the Rock River Conference will be found in the appropriate tables. The sentiment of the work has been widening and deepening; the knowledge of its need has been spreading; and it is found always that the measure of interest felt in the work has been the measure of the intelligence concerning it. A marked feature of our work this Summer has been our success at the camp-meetings, where the Woman's Home Missionary Society has had a hearing. Bishop Bowman spoke at DesPlaines and carried a strong influence with his emphatic words in regard to the importance of this youngest in the sisterhood of societies. Rev. Mr. Ray, at Lake Bluff, gave an address on City Evangelization that carried strong conviction with regard to the necessity of that department of our labor. At Plano a large audience listened with profound attention to the exposition of the work; this being its first introduction on that camp-ground. Here the work of city evangelization was emphatically indorsed by the ministers of the city (Chicago). The sermon of the morning had providentially been on a kindred topic, from the text, "Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation."

The Missionary Training-school in the city of Chicago, inaugurated by the action of the Board of Managers two years since, was opened in the city October 20th. It is now under the joint control of a Board of Directors, representing the ministers of the Rock River Conference and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. We believe through these influences and activities that the interests of the work are augmenting, and its necessity becoming more and more apparent to the popular mind. As a result, a number of auxiliaries have been formed, and individual effort, where there is no auxiliary at present, is becoming more frequent.

MRS. E. E. MARCY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

South-West Indiana Conference.

ANOTHER year with its grand opportunities for doing good, and in some instances the seeming failure to meet and improve the opportunities, has passed over the work in this Conference. With regrets for past failures, we look forward with bright hopes to the future. Notwithstanding the financial depression, which has been felt all over the country, and especially in our State, our collections have been good, and increasing. The importance of the work is being impressed upon the hearts of the women of the Church. The Corresponding Secretary of one of our wide-awake auxiliaries, in speaking of special work, says: "If I had the means, how glad I would be to contribute largely to these most worthy objects. But God knows best, and sees fit to have the *many* of his children aid in *small* amounts, rather than the *few* in *large* sums. There is so much to be done that I am very anxious that each member of our auxiliary should be up and at work."

Since the last Annual Report, some who were numbered with us have passed over to that "Home" in "Our Father's House" prepared for all his children. As the mothers cease to work, may their mantles, with a *double* portion of the "Holy Spirit," fall upon the daughters, that the work may go on to its completion.

C. S. CHAFEE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Troy Conference.

As we review the work of our Society in the Troy Conference the past year, forgetting the anxieties and disappointments, remembering only the blessings, the hopes realized, and the successes, we are led to exclaim, "God hath been better to us than all our fears."

We commenced the year with five auxiliaries, three Mission Bands, and about one hundred copies of the *Woman's Home Missions*. We close with thirteen auxiliaries, four Mission Bands, and about four hundred and fifty copies of the *Woman's Home Missions*. The increase in subscribers pays a more eloquent tribute to its excellence than any words that I might add. Twelve barrels of clothing has been sent to the frontier, and \$1,431 have been added to our fund. We attribute our success to the eloquent appeals of Mrs. Jennie F. Willing, who so ably presented the work at our Conference and before the Albany Churches. Her address Sunday morning April 5, at First Church, so touched the hearts of the people that at the close of the services an auxiliary was organized with ninety-one members. At Ash Grove Church in the evening a similar success attended her labor, an auxiliary being organized with seventy-three members. On the two following evenings auxiliaries were organized at Trinity and St. Luke's Churches. At our annual meeting held April 6, Mrs. Willing re-organized the work, officers were appointed for the different districts, and one hundred dollars were pledged for the Industrial Home at Greensboro, N. C. Again April 23d at the Conference session at Saratoga Springs, she presented the work so effectively that grand results followed: an auxiliary and Mission Band were organized, and one hundred dollars were pledged to name a room in the Greensboro Industrial Home for Mrs. J. E. C. Sawyer, the President of our Society. We have held successful services in connection with our camp-meetings. First at Round Lake in July, at a brief meeting the interests of our Society were greatly advanced by the pointed and practical remarks of Mrs. Dr. Rust, and the sweet singing of Mrs. Joseph Knapp, of Brooklyn. Again August 17th, at our anniversary we were addressed by Mrs. Dr. Gause, of Philadelphia, whose earnest appeals to the women of our Church stirred many hearts to active zeal. Dr. Sawyer, of Troy, followed, speaking of our special work and financial needs, which resulted in a nice collection. Services were also held at the Holmes Cave, and River Side Camp-meetings, where the interests of the cause were presented by Mrs. H. H. Reed with great acceptability and good results. Monthly District meetings have been found very helpful. Our special work, the "Greensboro Industrial Home," is nearing an *existence*; the site has been purchased, and the papers forwarded to the Executive Board. The plans are in the hands of the builder, and the work is progressing. To the ladies of Auburn we send thanks for their assistance in this work by naming and furnishing a room. Our young people in different localities are interested in furnishing rooms.

Mrs. R. T. Wade, of Gloversville, pledged \$250, to build a memorial school-house in Utah.

It is with regret that we part with two of our faithful workers. Mrs. H. C. Sexton, Vice-president of the Cambridge District, has recently removed to Chillicothe, Ohio. We cordially commend her to the love and fellowship of the ladies of the Ohio Conference, who will find in her a sweet, loving sister and faithful worker. Also Mrs. H. H. Reed, Secretary of the Saratoga District, has just removed to Trenton, N. J. May the dear Father make her as useful and successful there as she has been with us. Our beloved and efficient President, Mrs. Rev. J. E. C. Sawyer, whose presence has been so greatly desired at our meetings, has been suffering during the past years with a severe illness, but as the golden Autumn days have come to us, the kind Father has so far restored her that in September she called a business meeting of our Executive Board at her residence,

and was able to preside, and a delightful hour was spent. While unable to take an active part in the work, her heart has ever been deeply interested in it. In trying to advance this work we have found difficulties in the way, but pressing on by faith, we have grown stronger in love and charity for our sisters at home and abroad; thus our hearts have been enlarged, and we are better prepared to go out and gather sheaves for the Master.

Mrs. E. W. SIMPSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Upper Iowa Conference.

SINCE a lovely Jewess, at my first call, after her arrival in our city, gave her name and six month's dues in advance for our Home Missionary Society, I am reminded of that wonderful philanthropist, Sir Moses Montefiore, and his most celestial maxim: "Think and thank." *Think* how we desire to do in life's brief hour, and *thank* God for the success of willing service in each philanthropic endeavor. A fact worthy of grateful record in these ever busy days, is the almost telegraphic response to my letters by the members of the Upper Iowa Conference; for with the rarest exception a reply has been received by return mail. The occasional continuous, unanswered, one-sided correspondence, of three years, serves to keep me lowly in spirit and awakens gratitude for our blessed itinerancy, which may put in succession as pastor a friend of Home Missions, when the cause will be presented and a society organized; for in no instance have I spoken on this work without securing members, and subscribers for our most desirable paper. Fully a score of secretaries' blanks filled have been returned to me during the past year, hence the millennium draweth nigh. If any of the societies or members grow weary and fall by the way (as must be, if only of human planting, and not by the loving Father's hand), my one consolation—a never failing balm—is, that I have never accepted a penny from our general treasury for service or railroad fare; and so I have only to try to re-organize any wanderers from the fold. If I could visit each society in our Conference once a year, I would be confident of permanence in all, for tact is as needful as wisdom in maintaining any benevolent undertaking, and *honest love* for the work and the workers is beyond all other earthly means of success. To the blanks sent out, a kindly message has been added to each member, and also a reply to blanks returned, requiring more than 250 letters and postals. One suggests "It must be a great deal of trouble;" very true—but to some it is *more trouble* to be wholly indifferent to the claims of wretched humanity, in our own native land.

Hastening from the Cleveland Annual session, pausing but one night en route with Evanston friends, home and school work claimed earnest service, so the first society for the present year was not formed until December 7th, at Dyersville, of 8 members; and had the precious wife of the pastor lived many more workers might have been expected;

But she has entered higher school—
Under the tender Master's rule.

April 26th, the sixth tenderly kept celestial birthday of the lovely mother, by invitation of our unfailing Home Missionary ally, Rev. Mr. Knickerbocker, I gave an address at Zanesville, secured forty-five members, and eight subscribers for the paper, with an Adelaide Springer Juvenile Band of fourteen members. The subsequent meetings held, and the number of members, and of subscribers for the paper obtained, may be summarized as follows:

May 17,	Iowa City,	30	Mem.,	15	Sub.	<i>Home Missions.</i>
" 31, 11 A. M.	Waverly,	22	"	9	"	"
" 31, 8 P. M.	Shell Rock,	16	"	3	"	"

June 28,	Maquoketa,	51	Mem.,	13	Sub. <i>Home Missions.</i>
July 5,	Mt. Auburn	47	"	5	" " "
" 6, aided in a "Tea" at Marion, . .				15	" " "
" 12,	Centre Junction,	36	"	7	" " "
" 26,	Parkersburg,	15	"	6	" " "
Aug. 3,	Traer,	14	"	2	" " "
" 9, 10 A. M. Waterloo,		26	"	6	" " "
" 9, 8 P. M. Waterloo (Grace Ch.)		18	"	2	" " "
" 10,	Independence,	10	"	3	" " "
" 11,	Manchester,				
" 23,	Belle Plain	13	"	3	" " "
" 30,	Springville,	22	"	7	" " "
Sept. 22,	Manchester,	51	"	15	" " "
" 24,	N. W. Iowa Conference				
" 28,	Storm Lake,	17	"	9	" " "
Oct. 1,	Iowa Conference . .			27	" " "
" 4, 10 A. M. Toledo,		31	"	6	" " "
" 4, 8 P. M. Tama City,		19	"	2	" " "

Rev. F. Wolfe, the pastor at Maquoketa, showed me a voucher at Conference for \$51, and to my suggestion, "that pays to next June," he replied, "only to October 1, 1885." That included dues and material for supplies on the frontier. I am now fully repaid for writing from time to time during the last four years to Maquoketa for permission to address the people on this demand of our Church. At my second visit at Manchester, September 22, among the enthusiastic events of the hour was \$2, dues for the past two years, from an invalid, who said "she dare not fail to pay it." That most saintly woman, Mrs. Steyens, wrote me she would "never again say thirty members for Manchester, even with their Church debt;" we must count them fifty-one, their truthful number notwithstanding their many heavy burdens. At the Upper Iowa Conference Anniversary, October 1, the church was well filled with an appreciative audience. Owing to the necessary absence of the Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. J. G. Van Ness very kindly aided by reading their reports, after which came that of the Conference Secretary. Able addresses and helpful words were given by Rev. M. T. Smedley, Dr. Keeler, Chaplain McCabe, and Dr. Ames, followed by the business session. As not one of the twelve Vice-presidents and Managers of the last three years had brought in any report whatever, it seemed hardly worth while to continue to fill the district offices, but as some kindly pledged to organize one auxiliary during the year the usual number was elected, and twenty-seven subscribers for *Home Missions* were obtained in the Conference, and nearly 100 people personally asked, by Mrs. Springer, to "*please take our paper.*" As our cause appeals to all philanthropists, several Catholic friends have given me their hand and names as members of our Society. And as a recompense for yielding the Summer's cool retreat of our home at Hazell Knoll, I bring, with memories of the broiling heat of last July and August, the refreshing gift of my heart to your heart of 300 new members, 201 new subscribers in the Upper Iowa Conference, with 49 in North-west Iowa Conference, a total of 250 subscribers, to be counted again by the angel on the other side, who ever stands with ready pen to note the humblest deeds of Christ's lowliest followers. From the endeavors of previous years 392 members and eighty-five subscribers are reported; making a total of 892 members and 286 subscribers in the Upper Iowa Conference, included in seventeen old, and eighteen new societies, one Juvenile Band of fourteen, and seventeen "Mother's Jewels." The Conference collection was \$4.75.

As Sabbath is the only opportunity of effective service in many places the travel is greatly increased, during the past year exceeding 3,694 miles; and to drop my tiny grain of wheat here to-day with your myriad of

heavily loaded, bending sheaves, has required an added continuous journey of 1,175 miles. But lifting our eyes to the ever open gates of the eternal city we read, "They shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint," and our souls cry out with that grand old prophet, Moses, "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

MRS. COL. CHARLES SPRINGER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Vermont Conference.

I THINK we can safely say that the work is progressing. To our five auxiliaries reported last year have been added nine new ones, with a reasonable hope of soon having others. Profitable meetings were held at three of our camp-meetings this Fall. One lady gave ten dollars as a substantial token of her interest in the work. Two ladies have offered themselves for the work, hoping to engage in active service soon.

Four hundred "mite-boxes" have been distributed, mostly in places where there are no auxiliaries. We trust this may largely increase our funds for another year. Quite a good deal has been done in sending supplies both from places where there are auxiliaries, and also where there are none. Owing to the fact that the blanks for quarterly reports are often improperly filled out, and that much done outside the auxiliaries is indifferently reported, or not at all, I feel that I can not make a full and correct report of what has been done during the year.

MRS. T. P. FROST, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Wyoming Conference.

AT the beginning of the year the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Wyoming Conference appeared to have reached a point from which success seemed an utter impossibility. The Corresponding Secretary had been removed to other fields of labor, and no one had been regularly appointed to fill her place. There existed at that time, and does even now, to a certain extent, a lack of information in regard to the real object and work of the organization. There was no contingent fund by means of which the services of a speaker on the subject could be procured, and the few remaining active officers, through inexperience, scarcely understood the *modus operandi* of the Society. Although surrounded by these difficulties and discouragements, one heart at least proved loyal to the cause. Our worthy President, with an untiring energy, rallied the scattered forces, and once more resolved upon an effort to advance. Consequently, a public meeting was held in Owego during the session of the Annual Conference, in April. A city missionary gave a very interesting address upon the subject as it appeared to her in her work particularly; though not presenting as completely and vividly, as we desired for our use the many fields beyond those of city labor. A business meeting was held later, at which the officers were elected for the ensuing year, including the present Corresponding Secretary, to whom the work itself was entirely new. The Vice-presidents and Managers were duly notified of their election, and urged to do something in their Districts this year to promote the cause, but no reply has been made to the appeal, either by organizations or calls for assistance to organize. As dark, however, as circumstances and facts may have appeared, we say truly we have reason to rejoice in the progress we have made. During the last quarter, five auxiliaries have been formed, four of which, consisting of ten members each, are in Otsego District, and the remaining one, consisting of twenty-eight members, is in Centenary Church, Binghampton. One band of "Mother's Jewels," numbering

seven, has also, this quarter, been formed in the Tabernacle Church, in the same city.

The consecrated women, as the cause is presented to them, recognize in it a part of God's great plan to advance his kingdom upon earth, and in almost every case we find our auxiliaries officered by just such workers. During the year two boxes, valued at \$119, have been sent by the Tabernacle auxiliary to Grand Island, Neb.; and one, valued at \$50, by the new Centenary auxiliary to Ainsworth, Neb., and with semi-monthly sewing meetings they hope soon to be able to send others. Other boxes have also been sent, which will be reported by the Treasurer. Mrs. P. E. Bennett, of Wilkesbarre, has greatly encouraged us by a gift of \$500. A number of copies of *Home Missions* are taken.

With the aid of the Holy Spirit, which dwells richly among us, we can truly prophesy that the work will move on, and that we, in God's hands, as a Society, will be instrumental in doing much good.

MRS. E. S. TUPPER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Reports from Committees.

Report of the Publisher of "Home Missions."

WHEN we brought the interest we represent to-day before you twelve months ago, so short and uncertain had been its life that, while portraying this life briefly, we felt constrained to enter a plea for your future favor and continued support. To-day we come with much more of confidence, believing that this important enterprise needs no longer, either a champion of its merits, or an interpreter of its need as a great factor in the solving of this "Home Mission" problem. For we feel sure it has been speaking for itself these two years, as, with meek and quiet spirit, this *younger* and little sister has been entering each month your homes. And, though not unconscious of its poverty of means, and insufficient dress without, still feeling within the swellings of that divine call that came two years ago, and its yet greater need to live, to-day, it has told monthly to its thousands of readers the sad, and again hopeful, story of these broad home fields, with their teeming millions, now waiting at our own doors for this Christ that is to come. And now, dear sisters, this report, that we have made as brief as possible, must necessarily reflect the clouds as well as the sunshine that have made up the history of our paper these twelve months. How much would we like to give only this beautiful sunshine, of which we have had much, and turn away from all that may now look discouraging in the future. But duty to our *one little constituent*, now waiting patiently in Delaware to hear hopeful words again from the mother, urges this faithful statement of facts that are necessary for the wise and thoughtful legislation that will be asked of your body; and wisdom and heavenly guidance, we think, were never so much needed in its history as just now. And so we beg your patient attention to a few statistics and details of facts, always more or less dry and tedious, but now specially necessary to the intelligent consideration of the important interest that we present, treating you, in this part of our report, purely to the logic of facts and figures, without even one of those flowers of fancy we sometimes indulge in, and with which we would like much to embellish these plainer outlines.

Our last report showed you all expenses of salaries, printing, mailing, etc., for those first ten months, fully met from the income of the paper,

and a small balance remaining in the treasury. A mailing machine, much needed then, was presented in December by Mr. John R. Wright, of Cincinnati, while thirty dollars from Mrs. Judge Cory, of Findlay, and smaller sums from other friends for the same purpose, went instead into the depleted treasury, all of which were received as so many precious God-sends of love from these friends, to enable us to round up the fiscal year of twelve months with one hundred and forty-five dollars and sixty-three cents still in the treasury, and the bright star of hope once more in the ascendancy.

So limited was the room in these eight small pages to fully represent these vast home fields, as well as the constantly widening out work of our Society, that the enlargement of the paper seemed a necessity; and, as by Spring a surplus of over six hundred dollars had accumulated in our treasury, the subject of enlargement was brought before the Executive Board at its April meeting in Cincinnati. The thought was favorably received, and the experiment of enlargement, until the meeting of this higher court should decide as to the policy of its continuance, was there decided on. So, with the July volume we enlarged it from eight to sixteen pages, thus doubling its size and nearly doubling its expenses. This experiment, while delighting our subscribers (as our correspondence, flowing in from all directions, indicates), by the large additional amount of reading given for the same small price of twenty-five cents, has not, on the other hand, proven equally satisfactory on financial lines. These four months of enlargement, with subscription lists running down, and expenses running up, have used the surplus in the treasury, and leave us at this date with all expenses paid out of the paper's income, but with only a small balance remaining to our credit in bank. Our work, we believe, demands this enlargement, but we have come to seriously doubt if it can be indulged in. At this point of our work, dear sisters, we have to present to your *prayerful*, careful consideration, an important question for solution—really a financial crisis in the life of our paper right now meeting us. While submitting this, may we be pardoned some suggestions, as well as opinions, born out of deep love for this interest, carried so tenderly and lovingly these two years—as well as out of much deep thought and careful study, in which both head and heart have had a share now for many months.

There are four ways we can suggest out of this financial difficulty, all not equally wise, we think: 1. Going back to former size; 2. An increase in price, say of ten cents, or 35 cents a year, which, with ten thousand subscribers, would aggregate one thousand dollars; 3. An appropriation direct from the general funds of the Society; 4. Three pages kept constantly full of vigorously worked up and good paying advertisements. There are difficulties meeting each of these suggestions, and the wisdom that will win in their consideration will be in deciding on the one least objectionable. May we briefly here, out of this careful study of the matter, enter our conscientious protest against the adoption of the two first, viz., decreasing present size, or increasing price. For, if this paper means any thing, it simply means every thing out on these lines on which it has undertaken work. Not only is it the only organ of your Society, accomplishing its first and legitimate work of representing constantly what is being done by this organization; introducing and welcoming new auxiliaries; and acting as a vast means of communication between these various auxiliaries, the Executive Board, and those mission fields now occupied; but it is doing double duty now for a few years, as an absolutely needed pioneer of *intelligent information* in the Churches, dispelling this marvelous ignorance that has somehow gathered here at home, and still prevails, as to these heathen around us. We doubt if any estimate can ever be made in time of the work accomplished, in this direction alone, by this silent and yet active force you have set in motion. Nor do we think we magnify

too much its important mission, as on ten thousand wings it now reaches each month as many homes of our land, becoming in each more or less an educating influence on this Home Mission subject. We have heard it estimated of secular papers, that each copy averaged five readers. If this holds good, this little teacher of such wonderful truths and important facts holds an audience each month of from forty to fifty thousand hearers. So, if its cause is just, and its mission divine, give to it a dress that will command the respect due to its sacred calling and to your honored Society; and make no "penny wise and pound foolish" mistake, on the other hand, of decreasing this large audience by increasing its price.

A short financial exhibit will close our report. Our list of subscribers has gradually run up to more than double its number at last report, now counting with exchanges, "extras" for clubs of ten or more, and the October list now in process of renewing term, 9,100 names, though this number will be somewhat reduced if the October volume, numbering 882, falls off as have our others. Our receipts have been as follows:

Subscriptions,	\$2,069 75
Advertisements,	152 00
Mothers' Jewels,	23 40
Donations by cash,	37 15
Small change accumulated,	3 11

Total cash receipts,	\$2,285 41
Balance on hand at last report,	87 99

Grand total,	\$2,373 40
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EXPENSES.

Printing and mailing,	\$1,727 05
Postage on mailing,	83 50
Wrappers, postal cards, and sundries,	58 03
Salaries,	400 00
Postage stamps,	69 50

Total expenses,	\$2,337 74
Balance,	35 66

Still due on advertisements,	69 25
Postage stamps on hand,	21 00

Which, with the thirty-five dollars and sixty-six cents in bank, make our assets, if we are sold out by the sheriff, just \$125.91.

MRS. S. W. THOMSON, *Publisher.*

Report of Journalistic Secretary.

ONE hundred and thirty-five articles and paragraphs have been prepared and published in the following papers: "Zion's Herald," "Christian Advocate," "Western Christian Advocate," "North-western Christian Advocate," "South-western Christian Advocate," "Northern Christian Advocate," "Central Christian Advocate," "California Christian Advocate," "Michigan Christian Advocate," "Buffalo Christian Advocate," "Pittsburg Christian Advocate," "Philadelphia Methodist," "Baltimore Episcopal Methodist."

Brief, pointed communications are always welcome to the columns of the Church press, and the editors are invariably courteous and obliging.

MRS. W. A. INGHAM, *Secretary.*

Report on Publication.

THE large increase of the Society during the year in auxiliaries and in membership has required a proportional increase in the department of publication. A large number of Annual Reports has been called for, and an increased demand has been made for leaflets, both of the larger and smaller sizes. Many copies of leaflets have been struck off from the plates electrotyped last year, and a few new ones have been added to the list. The address of Dr. Haygood, delivered at the dedication of the Industrial Home at Holly Springs, has been published in pamphlet form. It is an earnest plea for hand-training, or instruction in domestic industries, in connection with the intellectual, moral, and religious training of the colored girls and women of the South.

The issue of the Annual Report was much delayed by difficulty in obtaining full and complete reports from all departments of the work, and a very large correspondence was thereby caused. The editor's work was thus rendered doubly laborious, and the patience of the Society was sorely taxed. It is believed that means have been taken to obviate the difficulties heretofore met with, and that the matter for the Fourth Annual Report will be placed in the editor's hands at the close of this Annual Meeting. It is earnestly requested that all officers, committees, and ladies who have reports to present at this meeting, or resolutions to offer, will see that a copy of the same is handed to the Recording Secretary, to be passed over by her to the editor of the Annual Report.

On account of the great expense incurred in publishing such a full report, it may be thought advisable to publish only such an abstract of the proceedings and reports of this meeting as will give a clear, *condensed* account of the work of the Society.

The publications during the year have been as follows: 7,000 copies of the Annual Report; 5,000 copies of Dr. Haygood's Address; 4,000 copies of Dr. Crummell's Address; 1,000 copies of Dr. Ridgeway's Address; 4,000 copies of Bishop Wiley's Address; 113,000 copies of Leaflets; 3,100 copies of Map of Illiteracy; 4,150 copies of Constitution; 8,000 copies of Constitution for Auxiliaries; 4,000 copies of Constitution for Juvenile Societies; 600 copies of Vouchers for Life Membership; also, there have been printed quite a large amount of blanks for reports, letter-heads, and envelopes (corner cards), circulars, labels and wrappers for Mite boxes, cards for the department of supplies, pledges, and a variety of blank forms, bills, orders, certificates, etc.

Mrs. F. S. HOYT, *Chairman*.

Report on Mission Supplies.

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL, in her delightful little book "Kept for the Master's Use," thus speaks to her English sisters: "We may have thought about our gold and silver, and yet have been altogether *thoughtless* about our rubbish. Some have a habit of hoarding away garments, odds and ends generally, under the idea that they will come in use some day; very likely setting it up as a sort of mild virtue backed by the noxious old saying, 'Keep it by you seven years, and you will find use for it.' And so the things grow shabby, and moth and rust corrupt, and the drawers and other places get crowded, and all this, that to you has become mere rubbish, might be made useful beyond what you could even guess." She then pleads with her lady readers to leave the book and go straight up stairs and rummage and see what they can find.

The same good spirit that spoke to the women of England through this wonderful woman and influenced them to give so much for the Master's use has also been speaking to the women of America, to the women of our Church, and to the women of our Society. They have gone to their wardrobes, to their chests, and to their purses as never before. They have

brought forth treasures new and old, and as the pressing needs of the pioneer minister have been made known, many hearts have been so touched that they have felt that they could no longer keep the precious treasures so guarded and loved because the dear ones who had worn them needed them no more, since they were now wearing robes that had been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. So, with tearful eyes and aching hearts these garments, so cherished, were given for the Master's use, and they who gave and they who received were greatly blessed.

Last year 16 Conferences participated in this work, sending 236 packages, valued at \$7,869.37. This year shows a marked increase in our work, 42 Conferences having sent 612 packages valued at \$20,737.84, showing an increase for the year of \$12,945.57.

This department has proved itself to be the key that has turned back the lock and opened the door, not only to many hearts, but to many auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and to many Churches which had hitherto felt but little interest and shown but little sympathy with our work. The interest has grown until as a result we have many flourishing auxiliaries. It is not in all cases the strongest and wealthiest Churches that are doing the most work. In many instances the smaller and weaker Churches do the most; but, in all cases, they who do the most are receiving the greatest blessings. The reflex influence of the work on the hearts of the women who are doing it is proving to them an inestimable blessing, and causing them to bear fruit unto eternal life.

The good accomplished by the Supply Department can not be estimated in dollars and cents. Not until we hear the Master say: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me," shall we have any conception of the good which has been wrought. Could you enter the frontier parsonage, in some cases only a little sod house without a floor, in others a mere shell, with the wind whistling through it, with scanty furniture, with few comforts, and often with but little food, you would realize the needs of these people, and be deeply impressed with the thought that the heroic age had not passed. These self-sacrificing men and women seldom complain, but count it all joy if they may but win souls for Christ. So interested have we seen them in building churches and in building up Christ's kingdom, that their own absolute needs seem to be lost sight of, and money which should have gone for the support of their families has been by them turned over to the church building committee. We might tell you of ministers whose circuits are larger than the usual presiding elders' districts in the East, and who, being often unable to get a horse, are obliged to walk to their appointments, from 30 to 40 miles a day, preaching twice a day, and receiving a mere pittance of a salary. Meanwhile the wife is for weeks at a time left alone with her little family, sewing and doing what she can, in order to earn bread for them. These are not fancy sketches. We have seen these men and women, and heard them rejoice and thank God for the victories that he gives them as they tell the story of the cross. These are the men and women on the frontiers, north and west, whom the Supply Department has been helping.

We look to the great Southland and we see a similar state of things. Not only do our ministers' families need help, but as we look into our schools we find young men and women, youths and children, all eager for an education, who would be unable to be there were it not for the help received through this department. Could you hear the prayers that are offered for those who have given these good gifts and see the tears of gratitude that fall as those heroic men and women tell how the Lord sent them just what they so much needed, how every garment fitted as if made for them, and how the books were just what they wanted, and what a luxury the dried apples were to the sick mother—I am sure that you would re-

joyce and give thanks that you were permitted to give even a little for the Master's use.

We may be tempted to think that we have given a great deal this year, that nearly \$20,100 worth of supplies is a large amount. But to each one of us what a very little thing it has been. Only a few have made any sacrifice in order to do what they have done. Some have been glad to have the *rubbish* cleared away. But the Master has graciously made use of all that has been done. What small and weak instrumentalities he does use in order to carry on his work! When the disciples were commanded to feed the multitude they said, "There is a lad here with five barley loaves and two small fishes, but what are they among so many?"—yet the multitude were fed. So the Master has used our little offering in blessing many thousands, for not only have those who received the supplies been blessed, but as they were strengthened and encouraged by our gifts they were able to go forth and bless others, and thus they have carried the bread of life to the multitude. Shall we not as a Society rejoice that we have been permitted to make this offering for the Master's use. In the year which is to come let us not only give that which we can readily spare, which we do not wish for our own use, but let us each make some sacrifice for the comfort of those who are sacrificing so much and are giving all for the "Master's use."

Herewith is appended a statement of supplies reported from the various Conferences during the past year, being a summary of the monthly reports published in the *Woman's Home Missions*. The operations of the department have become more familiar to the officers of the various auxiliaries, and the reports have been made more complete than in former years, though it is believed that the department has not received reports of *all* supplies which have been sent out by all our auxiliaries. We have again to record the uniform and continued courtesies and kindness on the part of the officials of the various railway and express companies in the forwarding of our supplies to their destination.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES.

Forwarded from October 23, 1884, to October 23, 1885. Compiled from Reports forwarded to this Department Showing the Number and Estimated Value of Packages Reported from Each Conference.

NAMES OF CONFERENCES.	No. pkgs.	Estimat'd value.	NAMES OF CONFERENCES.	No. pkgs.	Estimat'd value.
Central Illinois . . .	2	\$170 00	New Hampshire, . .	14	\$303 81
Central New York, . .	22	1108 50	New Jersey,	1	51 73
Central Ohio,	21	559 08	New York,	4	167 23
Cincinnati,	45	1743 31	New York East, . . .	4	248 96
Central Pennsylvania,	7	212 74	North Indiana, . . .	2	30 00
Colorado,	2	76 25	Northern New York,	7	377 44
Des Moines,	1	42 95	North Ohio,	29	877 61
Detroit,	50	1171 27	North-west Iowa, . .	4	65 00
East Ohio,	44	1144 30	North-west Indiana, .	3	89 02
Erie,	45	1551 62	Ohio,	9	296 27
Florida,	1	4 00	Southern California, .	2	100 00
Genesee,	6	159 00	Philadelphia,	23	1616 63
Illinois,	10	458 85	Pittsburg,	12	560 25
Iowa,	2	48 00	Rock River,	34	1168 92
Kansas,	1	1 50	South-east Indiana, .	5	68 57
Kentucky,	4	89 90	Troy,	8	462 36
Maine,	7	213 20	Upper Iowa,	11	372 85
Michigan,	51	1921 15	Vermont,	16	497 91
Minnesota,	1	15 00	Wisconsin,	2	64 81
Newark,	12	680 84	Wyoming,	9	393 38
New England,	58	1448 84			
New England South'rn,	11	261 15			
			Total,	612	\$20,737.84

MRS. J. L. WHETSTONE, Superintendent.

Report on Mite-Boxes.

IN February, 1885, at the request of the Executive Board, I took charge of the distribution of Mite-boxes, succeeding Miss Minnie Bayliss, of Cincinnati. From that time to date, October 15th, I have ordered the making of 4,500 boxes, from time to time as they were called for, have distributed 5,836, and have seventy-seven on hand. When I took charge there was a supply on hand which had been ordered by my predecessor. These boxes were sent to eighteen different States, as follows:

Maine, 24; New Hampshire, 74; Vermont, 205; Rhode Island, 48; Connecticut, 121; Massachusetts, 173; New Jersey, 150; New York, 2,240; Pennsylvania, 717; Ohio, 1,258; Michigan, 506; Indiana, 247; Illinois, 21; Nebraska, 36; California, 1; Texas, 1; Tennessee, 24; Florida, 1. Total, 5,836.

I regret that I am unable to submit a statement of boxes distributed by Conferences, not having at my command the necessary data to make such a report. These boxes were sent to 127 different cities and towns on application made for them, and of course required very extensive correspondence in answering inquiries, and giving such information as was needed for their proper use. I am happy to state that in most instances acknowledgement of the receipt of boxes was promptly sent. I regret, however, that those sent by mail as samples to distant cities have never been heard from, although I have sent many notes of inquiry concerning their fate. As to the moneys collected in these boxes, no full report can be made as yet. It was not expected that a complete report would be made until a year after the delivery of the boxes. I have urged that each box should contain at least one dollar, and the returns already give cause for hope of very good results. The item of expense in the making and distribution of these boxes is quite considerable, as will be shown in the report of the Treasurer; but it is confidently hoped that the amount of money gathered in them will far exceed their cost. This will certainly be the case if all who have these tiny savings banks in charge will see that at least two cents are deposited in them each week.

MRS. W. M. AMPT, *Chairman.*

Report on "Home Missions."

THE Committee on *Woman's Home Missions* submit the following recommendations:

1. That, in view of the capability and success of the publisher, we do not accept her resignation.
2. That we continue Mrs. H. C. McCabe and Mrs. S. W. Thomson in the offices of editor and publisher respectively, and that the remuneration for their services be fixed at \$300 each.
3. That the Publisher be allowed a sum not to exceed \$200 for the employment of a secretary.
4. That the standing Business Committee consist of three members, to each of whom, and to the general Corresponding Secretary, a monthly financial statement be made by the Publisher.
5. That all our ladies be urged to make a special effort to secure subscribers, and especially to secure prompt renewals of subscriptions.
6. That ladies be asked, upon the presentation of this report, to make pledges of service in securing advertisements.

DELIA L. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

Report on Work at Savannah.

THE past year has been the beginning of a new era for our work at Savannah. The property which was offered to the Society at our last An-

nual Meeting, and which at that time the Committee were conditionally authorized to secure, has been purchased. Realizing the importance of the trust committed to us, and unwilling to assume so weighty a responsibility, we sought the advice and counsel of Bishop Walden and Dr. Rust, who each visited Savannah, examined the property, and advised the purchase. After a protracted negotiation, the property was secured at the price of \$7,000, being \$1,000 less than the original proposition. The terms of purchase being \$2,000 cash, and the balance payable in one, two, and three years, secured by mortgage bearing seven per cent. interest; with the privilege reserved of paying any or all of the notes at any time before maturity on thirty days' notice given. As soon as the contract for purchase was signed and ratified by the proper officers of the Society, the contract for remodeling the first and second stories of the building was let, and work commenced, and the 6th of April our missionaries took possession of the Home. On the following Sabbath we held a large and interesting Sunday-school service. The day-school was opened with every seat filled. As fast as we were able to procure furniture, the girls were admitted to the Home. The house is now filled to its present capacity, and were it of double the size it could readily be filled. We hope in the near future to be able to finish the third story, and thereby increase the capacity of the building. Of the number now in the Home, thirteen are supported by their friends or relatives, and nineteen are to be otherwise provided for. In some cases parties are providing for these girls who are not members of our Society, and who have heretofore taken no interest in it. In other cases, our Bands are doing this work, and are thereby developing a missionary spirit, and becoming trained for great usefulness, and the work is proving a mutual blessing.

The grounds upon which the Haven Industrial Home and School is situated occupy a tract fronting 300 feet on Anderson and Henry Streets, and 230 feet on Burroughs and Cuyler Streets, in the south-west portion of the city of Savannah, and are easily accessible to a large population needing just such training and help as is contemplated to be rendered by our Society. Upon these grounds stands a very substantial brick building, which has been specially adapted for a Home and School, and is believed to be almost, if not quite, as suitable for these purposes as if it had been constructed upon specific plans. There have been paid on purchase of real estate, \$2,802.54; for remodeling building ready for occupancy, \$2,087.29; and for furniture necessary for immediate use, \$203.41. The amount required to complete the purchase of the real estate is represented in eight mortgage notes, aggregating \$4,444.45, with interest at seven per cent from September 1, 1885.

In arranging for the conduct of the Home, the question of the cost of maintenance of the inmates presented a very serious difficulty, by reason of a lack of sufficient data upon which to make an estimate, the Committee not knowing where to find any institution of like character. After consultation with persons most experienced in such matters, it was decided to establish the rate for each inmate of the family at \$5.00 per month, and so far the operations have been conducted on that basis. Careful accounts of the expenditures, both of the Home and day-school, have been kept in a book specially provided for that purpose, and the results for nearly six months—from April 6th to September 30th, inclusive—are shown in the accompanying schedule, in which are classed in separate columns the respective amounts paid for: 1st. Provisions; 2d. Fuel, lights, laundry supplies, and all other expenses properly belonging to the boarding department; 3d. School expenses; 4th. Labor on ground and buildings, and incidental expenses; 5th. Furniture, and furnishing goods; 6th. Extraordinary expenses not properly chargeable to any one year. The number of inmates of the Home (including teachers), and constituting what may be termed the family, has been as follows: From April 6th to April

30th, inclusive, 8; May 1st to May 31st, 15; June 1st to June 30th, 17; July 1st to July 31st, 19; August 1st to August 31st, 19; September 1st to September 30th, 24; October 1st to October 31st (estimated), 35. The number of inmates and their times of residence, when equated, will be represented by sixteen inmates during the period of 177 days, from April 6th to September 30th, and dividing the several items of expense for the term by six, will show the monthly average, which, divided by 16, will give the cost *per capita*. An analysis of the schedule makes the expense *per capita*: For provisions for month, \$3.89; fuel, lights, laundry supplies, and proper boarding expenses, 68c.; showing total boarding expenses for month, \$4.57. With regard to contingent expenses, which are independent of the number of inmates, and bear no legitimate relation thereto, except when every thing is in full operation, it may be said that, with the Home fully organized, with say forty-five inmates, and valuing the cost of furniture at \$1,200, and house furnishing goods at \$300, and estimating \$100 for ordinary repairs, and \$75 dollars for extra labor on grounds and buildings per year; if, then, the depreciation or renewals are placed at ten per cent. on furniture, and 20 per cent. on furnishing goods, we have: For depreciation or renewal of furniture, \$120; for depreciation or renewal of house furnishing, \$60; repairs, etc., \$100; extra labor on, \$75; in all amounting to \$355, or equal to \$29.58 per month; which, divided by the estimated number of inmates (45), makes the amount 65 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents *per capita* per month, which, added to boarding expenses, will give \$5.22 $\frac{3}{4}$ as the cost *per capita* per month for maintenance, as estimated on the operations of the past six months. But it is fair to presume that, if the institution were provided with sufficient funds to enable them to purchase supplies on more advantageous terms by buying in larger quantities, this, together with the improved results to be expected from longer experience, will either reduce the cost, or, what will perhaps be better, enable us to provide better accommodations and accomplish better results at the same cost.

The session of the day-school closed early in July, soon after which Miss Baldwin came north for a vacation, Mrs. Lewis remaining in charge of the Home up to the present time, and re-opening the school partially about the 15th of October. The operations of the school have been quite satisfactory, and promise much good. The receipts of the day-school have exceeded the expenses properly chargeable to that department. The inmates of the Home have made remarkable progress in every department of their work; and best of all is the fact that, while they have had good training in the economies and habits of domestic life and industries, the blessed Holy Spirit has been at work upon their hearts, for, after a comparatively short residence, most of them have given their hearts to the Savior, and have shown by their lives that the change was genuine. The Home is situated in a large city, with great opportunities for usefulness, and capable of a far-reaching influence. Mrs. S. M. Lewis has remained during the Summer, keeping the family together and laboring untiringly to promote the work in all its interests. Miss Viola E. Baldwin has returned to her post with renewed zeal and earnest love for the work. Miss Sarah F. Keely, a prominent worker in our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and also in our Woman's Home Missionary Society, and earnest in all good works, will commence her labors at the Home November 1st. Thus each department of our work in this field will now receive more time, strength, and energy, and as soon as practicable new departments will be organized. With this trio of earnest, devoted workers, and with the prayers and cordial support of our Society, we have reason to expect grand results during the coming year in this department of our work.

We did well last year in raising money, and it will not do to relax our efforts now. What a grand thing it would be if we could finish the third story, pay off our indebtedness on the grounds, and dedicate Haven Home to the Lord free from all embarrassments. We trust that to-day you will

pledge yourselves anew to this work—that each lady will pledge herself, her auxiliary, her Conference, for a sufficient amount to secure the result so much to be desired. As you are doubtless aware, we stand alone in Savannah. The Church is looking at us; they are watching to see if we are equal to the management of an independent work like this. Let us not falter. While some Conferences have their special lines of work, these need not interfere with the general work. Not only each Conference, but each auxiliary should contribute something to this Home in order to aid the work, and to keep alive their interest in it. Let us make this a common center where we may all meet, not only with our contributions, but with our prayers, and in Christ's name endeavor to build up and sustain the work which he has so signally blest, and will continue to bless until it shall become a great power for good, if we will but do our part.

MRS. J. L. WHETSTONE, *Chairman.*

Report on Transportation.

For the purpose of arranging for the transportation of delegates to the Annual Convention at Philadelphia, October 23, 1885, there was a local committee appointed, consisting of Mrs. J. E. Salter and Mrs. M. C. Reynolds, of Philadelphia. By my request, they took charge of all matters relating to Eastern railroads, and especially to those terminating at that point. My object was to secure reduced rates, but I found, after much correspondence, that rates in general in the East were in a very demoralized condition, in consequence of which railroad managers were not inclined to make reductions. For the West the rates secured were full rates going, and one-third rate returning, the concession being good for two days after the adjournment of the Convention. It is no small matter to secure reduced rates in all cases, for the reason that application has to be made to the officials of each road, and they are not inclined to make a reduction unless the delegates are sufficient in number to justify them for their trouble. It is, in fact, impossible to accomplish any thing for one delegate who comes from a long distance and travels over several different roads, as this would require a special arrangement with *each road*, a matter not to be thought of. In making arrangements for the Convention I ascertained the name and residence of all who expected to attend throughout the United States, and referred those from the East to the Committee at Philadelphia, while I transmitted certificates with a circular letter to those from the West under an arrangement which secured a reduction as already stated. I am greatly indebted to Mr. S. F. Peirson, Central Passenger Agent, 346 Broadway, New York, and to Mr. W. H. King, Commissioner and Secretary of Central Passenger Committee, 236 W. 4th Street, Cincinnati, O., for information and aid, which was always promptly given; also to Mrs. G. W. Coleman, of Trinity Methodist Church, Cincinnati, O.; and very deeply indebted to the efficient local committee in the City of Brotherly Love.

MRS. W. M. AMPT, *Chairman.*

Report on Beneficiaries.

THERE are about seven hundred thousand girls of the African race, between the ages of twelve and twenty, in the Southern States. The lot of these is largely cast in the rural regions, in poverty and ignorance, and amid associations little calculated to inspire a desire for a better life. But among these and far from the villages and towns where the light of education and religion have penetrated, we find colored girls struggling amid untold difficulties to obtain education. From among these girls our Society endeavors to select the most promising, who may be educated in our Church schools, and afterward trained in our Industrial Homes. These girls will be the mothers of the men who will help to make or mar our

country's welfare. Concerning this class Miss Frances Willard has well said: "They are the saddest of all the degraded Anglo-Saxons on the soil of America." And how shall we best aid *these* needy ones?

The Church in the schools of the Freedmen's Aid Society offers the privilege of education at a very low cost. These girls are poor. By hard work they can earn from two to five dollars per month at service, and a little more with some education as teachers. But with their small earnings they can seldom maintain themselves in school one year at a time, and much is lost or forgotten in the intervals. To aid these girls to remain in the school long enough to obtain a good knowledge of primary studies, and to have a year or two of training in our Industrial Homes, which are associated with the colleges, is an expenditure of money that will secure large results for good. When the work of the training-school and the college is so associated, the advantages of both may be secured to the girls at the same time, and thus they may be fitted for missionary work, and become a blessing to their race. These girls find it so difficult to earn the means to maintain themselves in school, that it is necessary in many cases to give them a small amount of aid, otherwise they will not be able to remain in the school long enough to secure such education as will enable them to get the full benefit of our industrial training. Your committee is assured that the harmonious co-operation of existing agencies, and the extension, as far as possible, of our work among the women, is advisable. Other societies are aiding boys to secure an education, but no other society than our own is aiding girls. We commend the support of beneficiaries, both in the schools and our Industrial Homes, and trust that during the year the care of these girls can be undertaken by auxiliaries, individuals, or children's Bands, to the full extent of the appropriation that shall be made for that purpose at this Annual Meeting.

MRS. HENRY WADE ROGERS, *Chairman*.

Report on Resolution.

WHEREAS, We are permitted to gather in another Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and desire to recount God's care and aid in our various Conferences during the past year, and express our gratitude for multiplied mercies by the way; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we regard these convocations of incalculable benefit in awakening a deeper interest and sympathy in Home Missions, and that one of the most helpful agencies is the personal report of each Conference Secretary at each Annual Meeting.

2. That we in no measure diminish our benevolent offerings and labors, but rather grow more "diligent in business, fervent in spirit," until we have passed from the blessed opportunities of toil.

3. That we recognize these wonderfully perfect Autumn days as an index and reminder of the smiles of our Father, as we use the time he bestows for the maturing of His work by human hands.

4. That our love, care, and works for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society are by no means lessened by our increasing sense of obligation to our wretched sisters in our own land, and we are ever most emphatically co-laborers with our elder and loved sisters in the evangelization of woman-kind.

5. That the intent of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is emphatically our work "For God, and home and native land," and we offer our fervent "God speed" in all its blessed work among the lowly.

6. That our most hearty and appreciative thanks are hereby tendered to our greatly beloved President, Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes, for her presence and aid; to her tireless and indefatigable assistants, the first Vice-president, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and the

Treasurer, whose exhaustive, but always gratuitous, services are also invaluable, and we ask the tender Shepherd's loving care with them forever to abide.

7. That with profound grief and deep sense of personal loss, we record the death of our most saintly and now sainted Bishop Wiley, whose wise counsels, rarest eloquence, and love for our work are perennial in our memory, and we tender our love and deepest sympathy to his household, whose anguish we understand, as they await a blessed reunion with the best loved in heaven.

8. That our tender prayers and swiftly falling tears are both slight tokens of our great sorrow at the sudden departure of our dear sister delegate, Mrs. C. A. Grant, of the Pittsburg Conference, who came to our Annual Meeting one year ago in full vigor and womanly grace, and was borne to her home in her casket. May He who walked in Gethsemane's garden soothe the grief of the kindred of our dear friend and sister.

9. That we offer a special vote of thanks to Mr. C. G. Hancock, General Passenger Agent of Philadelphia and Reading R. R.; to Mr. Geo. C. Dadman, Division Ticket Agent of Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore R. R.; and to Mr. D. E. Holmes, General Southern Passenger Agent of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio R. R., for their kindness in assisting the ladies to procure reduced rates for delegates to this convention.

10. That our work has been greatly aided by those railroad and express companies who have most generously transported our supplies, free of charge, and we most gratefully acknowledge our obligations for such favors.

11. That our most earnest thanks are given to the generous friends who have so royally entertained us in their lovely homes during our session; to the indefatigable committee on transportation and arrangement; to those who have rendered such excellent music; to the ladies of the different Churches who have provided such bountiful and delicious lunches; to the trustees for the use of this beautiful temple, and to all who have aided in our Annual Meeting.

MRS. CHAS. F. SPRINGER, *Chairman*.

MRS. H. W. ROGERS, *Secretary*.

Report on Finance and Mission Fields.

THE Committee on Finance and Mission Fields recommend as follows:

I. APPROPRIATIONS.

COLORED WORK.

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Building for Industrial Home,	\$2,000
Site for Industrial Home,	1,000
Furnishing Industrial Home,	400
Superintendent, salary and traveling expenses,	400

Total, \$3,800

CAMDEN, S. C.—Building for Industrial Home (Conditional). \$2,000

Total, \$2,000

GREENSBORO, N. C.—Building for Industrial Home, \$2,000

Furnishing and Incidentals, 600

Superintendent, salary and traveling expenses, 400

Total, \$3,000

HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.—Additional real estate (Conditional)..	\$600
Incidentals, repairs, etc.,	225
Superintendent, salary and traveling expenses,	400
Missionary teacher (Conditional), . .	300

Total, \$1,525

MORRISTOWN, TENN.—For building Industrial Home (Conditional),	\$1,500
Teacher (Conditional),	200

Total, \$1,700

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Site and buildings for Industrial Home (Conditional),	\$2,600
Furnishing and repairs (Conditional),..	500
Superintendent, salary and traveling expenses (Conditional),	400

Total, \$3,500

ATLANTA, GA.—Building for Industrial Home (Conditional),	\$3,000
Site (Conditional),	800
Furnishing (Conditional),	200
Incidentals,	75
Superintendent, salary and traveling expenses,	400

Total, \$4,475

SAVANNAH, GA.—Industrial Home (Conditional),	\$4,444 45
Interest on unpaid notes,	363 55
Teachers,	1,350 00
Contingencies,	350 00

Total, \$6,508 00

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Matron of Industrial Home,	\$400
Missionary teacher (Conditional),	250
Incidental expenses,	150

Total, \$800

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Missionary teachers,	\$800
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Total, \$800

BENEFICIARIES.

Simpson Memorial Home,	\$300
Adeline Smith Home,	100
Gilbert Haven Home,	1,200
Elizabeth L. Rust Home,	200
Troy Conference Home,	100
Clark Industrial Home,	400

Total, \$2,300

SOUTHERN WHITE WORK.

The "conditional" appropriations below reported are recommended in accordance with the action taken in the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Woman's Home Missionary Societies of the Holston, Kentucky, Arkansas, Little Rock, and Southern California Conferences (these being mission territory), be allowed each to present a schedule of appropriations of the moneys raised within its respective bounds to the General Executive Board for its approval; and when the appropriations are so approved, the Treasurer of the General Executive Board be allowed to receive the vouchers of the Conference Treasurers for moneys so expended, and give credit for the same."

Holston Conference, Tenn.—Missionary, salary and expenses	
(Conditional),	\$450
Kentucky Conference (Conditional),	1,000
Little Rock Conference (Conditional),	3,000
Chattanooga (Conditional),	3,000
New Orleans, missionary and incidentals,	500
Total,	\$7,950

INDIAN WORK.

PAWNEE—Teacher and incidentals,	\$650
Building,	500
PUGET SOUND—Two missionaries,	500
FT. KLAMATH—Missionary (Conditional),	500
Total,	\$2,150

UTAH.

Scandinavian Work.

MT. PLEASANT—Teacher,	\$400
(Conditional),	480
MORONI—Gurley Home, Teacher,	400
" " Furnishing,	75
Total,	\$1,355
SAN PETE VALLEY—Missionary,	\$480
Two mission school buildings (Conditional),	1,600
Horse and buggy,	100
Total,	\$2,180

English Work.

OGDEN—Missionary,	\$400
SALT LAKE—Missionary,	400
" " Teacher,	400
Total,	\$1,200

NEW MEXICO.

Spanish work (Conditional),	\$1,000
Total,	\$1,000

CHINESE WORK.

Puget Sound (Conditional),	\$100
Total,	\$100

CONFERENCE WORK.

Michigan Conference (Conditional*),	\$2,500
Detroit Conference (Conditional*),	2,500
Pittsburg Conference—Hungarian work,	500
Chicago Conference—Bohemian work,	400
CHICAGO TRAINING-SCHOOL (Conditional),	\$1,200
LOCAL WORK IN CITIES,	\$4,417
GENERAL INCIDENTAL EXPENSES,	\$2,500

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Southern Colored Work,	\$27,748
Southern White Work,	7,950
Beneficiaries,	2,300
Indian Work,	2,150
Utah—Scandinavian Work,	3,535
English Work,	1,200
New Mexico—Spanish Work,	1,000
Puget Sound—Chinese Work,	100
Conference Work,	5,900
Local Work in Cities,	4,417
Training-school for Missionaries,	1,200
General Incidental Expenses,	2,500
Total,	\$60,000

II. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That, at the earliest possible moment, a German or Scandinavian woman be employed as missionary at Castle Garden, New York City, by the New York City Auxiliaries, or by the General Executive Board.

2. That, while we rejoice in the projected inter-denominational Industrial Home in Salt Lake City, and would be glad to have a part in it, yet, since its plans of work are still immature and uncertain, we defer action in its favor until they are more fully developed and understood.

3. That we instruct the General Treasurer to accept vouchers and give credit for no other funds save those appropriated by the General Board of Managers, and specified by the General Executive Board; all exceptional cases being referred to, and determined by, the General Executive Board.

4. That the Michigan and Detroit Conferences each receive an appropriation of \$2,500, provided the amount be raised in the respective conferences, and be applied to frontier mission work, as recommended by the Conference Societies and approved by the General Executive Board.

MRS. W. G. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

MISS MARTHA VAN METER, *Secretary*.

* To be raised within the Conference.

Reports from Bureaus.

Report from Bureau for Western and Northwestern Frontiers on Supplies.

OF the special committee of three, on which I was placed, I have no report, as no message reached me with instructions as to the work expected. By the courtesy of Presiding Elder Martin, I solicited and received important advice and information from Mrs. W. G. Vessels, North Platte; Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Robinson, Long Pine; Mrs. E. L. R. Smith, Plum Creek (all in Nebraska). One pastor writes: "Will be thankful to receive \$300 for the year, out of which seven dollars per month must be paid for two rooms into which we are crowded. We are taking care of the church, so as to give the compensation to our sexton, a woman who has no other dependence, and who is unable to attend to it now from severe sickness in her family. And yet his lovely, heroic wife writes me she "fears to ask for aid, lest when the help arrives, others may be in greater need." I had a notice read in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Anamosa, October 11th, and a box was packed and at the depot October 14th, to be distributed by this sister where most needed. The "King's business requireth haste."

Another writes: "We believe we are here providentially, and that in our Father's store-house there is enough to supply our need; but we expected hardships—we are not better than our Master, and count it all joy if we may be counted worthy to suffer a very little inconvenience for his sake. For when we think of what he endured for us we may not dignify our little trials by any other name, and we have not realized our worst fears, thanks to the Woman's Home Missionary Society." Probably the above writer had read Fox's Book of Martyrs, and they had not reached such fate, for which I am thankful. A presiding elder wrote me recently: "But for the Woman's Home Missionary Society two-thirds of the ministers on my district would have to leave their appointments." A modern Dorcas on the American Desert said: "If I only had means to purchase shoes, hoods, etc., for the poor children who cannot go to Sunday-school." The next day a Woman's Home Missionary box arrived with the very things needed. The senders had the blessing of Him who says, "Before ye ask I will answer." Here is another direct quotation: "Of course each minister has a delicacy in specifying his wants, but I am sure any thing your judgment may suggest will be thankfully accepted. Your Society is doing immense good, and many prayers are being offered for you." A minister on a circuit of thirty miles in extent, with four appointments, reports only "fifty-five dollars for the year's service. We have had twenty-five cents worth of sugar; have sold most of our clothing for food; make our bread of bran with a little flour added, which bread and water have made our daily food; wife and children can not go to Church for lack of shoes." But you and I have been clothed and fed, and *we regret* that any one has been less comfortable. Alas! will that suffice? For hastening to the infinitely compassionate Lord, I hear in reverberating trumpet tones: "I was hungry and ye gave me no meat; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick and in prison and ye ministered not unto me;" and therefore vain, vain is the inquiry: "When, Lord," for the "inasmuch" is lost, as with fearful clearness come the changeless words, "Depart from

me, I never knew you." I am ashamed that until July, 1880, I have never done anything specifically to aid our most royally heroic pioneer clergymen and their families, or to hush the dreadful wail of down-trodden American women that is now ever ringing in my ears. Can we rest our heads upon our pillows, in calm repose, knowing our duty and heeding it not?

Rock Rapids has sent two boxes (valued at fifty-nine dollars) of supplies to the frontier, and one of books and papers to Little Rock; Fayette also two boxes, valued at fifty-nine dollars and fifty cents. Manchester has shipped a large supply of very valuable books to Central Tennessee College. Hopkinton, Mt. Vernon, Davenport, and Anamosa have each sent one box, and doubtless many others have not reported to me. "He that is so impoverished that he hath no oblation, chooseth a tree that will not rot." (Isaiah xl, 20.)

MRS. CHARLES F. SPRINGER, *Secretary*.

Report from Bureau for Indians.

MANY will be glad to learn that a mission has been begun among the Indians during the last year. The Pawnees, of Indian Territory, have been selected as a promising field, a mission having been projected there by the Woman's Indian Association with promises of co-operation by the government and then handed over to us. Mrs. F. T. Gaddis, of Newark, New Jersey, was sent there last July as our missionary, with her son, a youth of fourteen years. Mrs. Gaddis was kindly received by the government officials, who aided her in meeting the chiefs and Indians generally. She immediately opened her work by holding Bible readings (which have been well attended by whites and Indians), and by visiting the Indians, holding talks with them through an interpreter, and by attracting the women to her sewing-school that she might tell them the "old story of Jesus and his love." This she repeats sometimes many times a day. She has also been learning their language. Though she has suffered not a little from the acclimating process, her work has continued without interruption. The present attitude of the government being favorable to the Christianizing of the Indians, it is hoped our work in Pawnee will be unmolested and successful. Agent Scott wrote on leaving his agency to the new incumbent that missionary work had been before begun in this tribe and then abandoned. He hoped our Society "would pursue no halting policy."

These poor heathen are anxious to learn "white ways." Often is the missionary moved to tears at their expressions of astonishment at Christ's love to them, never having heard it before. The sewing-school now numbers forty, and is rapidly increasing. Had she room she could have a hundred of all ages immediately. The government has been asked for land on which to erect a mission cottage. This we hope to have built before another Summer. The condition of women in this tribe is deplorable. They are bought and sold for wives when barely beyond childhood. The government has a school, in which about sixty boys are taught, girls very rarely. The Pawnees do not care to educate them. Agent Bowman appealed to the government for the women and girls, saying nothing could be done for the tribe while girls and women were left in this condition. That was four years ago, but nothing has been done yet. Excellent words spoken by President Cleveland and Secretary Lamar lead to the belief that a short time will find many of these wrongs righted. The government supplies them with clothes, but the women and children are poorly clad, and there is much suffering, sickness, and death. If the Indian is dying out it is for want of the instruction we can and should have supplied centuries ago as to providing for himself and how to do it.

We commend this work in Pawnee to our sisters. It is no small

matter to find material. To teach these women how to sew, to keep all these hands busy while the ears are hearing the Gospel, will be our work, and *require funds*. Many societies may take it up, each doing something. "First the natural, then the spiritual," and Mrs. Gaddis is winning these poor creatures for Jesus by the "foolishness" of patch-work and similar industries. Our Church superintendent, Rev. Mr. Snyder, Bishop Ninde writes, has visited the mission, and reports the work promising and the field large. Bishop Ninde has relinquished the work in this Territory to Bishop Bowman, and many will rejoice to hear that he proposes work among the Indians of Montana, which was given to our Church by General Grant's commissioners. Last July proposals came from the Puget Sound Conference to the Society to undertake work among two promising tribes in Washington Territory, the Quillayutes and Nootsahks. We trust funds will be appropriated, at least \$500, for this purpose. Cheering reports come of a glorious revival among the Klamaths of Oregon, where Rev. and Mrs. Royal were stationed by the government. These earnest and successful workers have left the government employ, and it is to be feared that the poor sheep, left without a shepherd, will perish in the wilderness unless help is sent early. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest for men and means.

H. C. McCABE, *Secretary*.

Report from Bureau for the Colored People in the South.

FACTS determining the general plan of our work in behalf of this people have been stated in the report of the Corresponding Secretary. This Society can not, with hope of success, appeal to the Church for funds to engage in a field of benevolence occupied by any other Church organization, but the work which especially belongs to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and which is distinct from that of all its other agencies, the training of girls for the practical duties of life, and the establishment and improvement of houses, offers a field wide enough to tax our energies and resources to their utmost limit. But how can this work be done in the briefest and most economical way? To attempt it through the primary school would be found to be slow and expensive, while the difficulties in the way of securing the confidence and patronage of the people are too great to make it desirable, even if it were possible. The fact that industrial training-schools can not be made efficient in elevating the ignorant masses without suitable pupils—girls of age, judgment, and education—and the additional fact that intelligent girls can at present be found for our work scarcely anywhere else but in connection with the schools of the Freedmen's Aid Society, have led us to place our Industrial or Model Homes near these schools.

That there is need of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in connection with these schools there is abundant testimony. Teachers, professors, and all who are familiar with the wants of this people unite in saying that many of the pupils come from cabins destitute of comforts and conveniences, where the amenities of family and social life are almost entirely unknown. Degrading superstitions, fancied charms, and fetich practices prevail to a great extent among this people. Girls without special training in domestic duties, although educated in books, are poorly prepared to enter upon the practical duties of life, or to make good homes for themselves or others; and the probabilities are that without this training many of these girls, when they leave school, will relapse into old, disorderly habits of cabin life. On the other hand, girls educated and trained in our industrial schools are prepared to earn an honest living and become respectable and honored members of society, make good homes, act as missionaries or teachers, or engage in any vocation of life which is within the province of women.

Those trained in our schools will become valuable helpers in the

elevation of the poor people in the South. They understand and can sympathize with their own people, and they are themselves illustrations of what training has done for them and what it can do for others; and as laborers they can be sustained at a much less expense than those sent from abroad.

Our Society has four Industrial Homes associated with the schools of the Freedmen's Aid Society in successful operation. These are at Atlanta, Ga., Little Rock, Ark., Holly Springs, Miss., and Orangeburg, S. C. The building for another, at Greensboro, N. C., is under contract, while friends are soliciting funds for similar enterprises at Camden, S. C., Jacksonville, Fla., Chattanooga, Tenn., and New Orleans, La. These Homes are arranged to accommodate sixteen girls. This number is as large as can conveniently carry on housekeeping as a family, and in turn discharge its varied duties. Girls preparing to teach, and those promising the greatest usefulness in view of their contemplated work as missionaries, are selected for training in the Home.

We visited one of our model Homes last June, which had been in operation a year. The house and table were ornamented with flowers from the Home garden, which the girls had planted and tilled, and the dinner was prettily served. It consisted of chickens raised by themselves, vegetables cultivated by their own hands, and excellent bread of their own making. They made the dresses worn at commencement, and the teachers assured us that these girls were among the most conscientious and successful students in the school, thus favoring the theory of some eminent educators, that students will learn their regular lessons and an *industry* as quickly as if they had given their entire time to their studies. The classes in tailoring, plain sewing, and dress making taught during the year have averaged seventy-five in each Home. The pupils in these industries are graded as in other studies, and their standing in the college depends as much on application and proficiency here as in the sciences and the classics. The members of the family place in the hands of the superintendent the money that they would otherwise pay to the boarding department of the Freedmen's Aid School, thus making no demand on our treasury for their support. The judicious purchase of supplies for the family is considered an important branch of the teaching of the Home. Those in charge of Freedmen's Aid Schools take pleasure in arranging the studies and exercises of our girls to meet their obligations and duties in the Home

INDUSTRIAL HOMES.

ATLANTA.—This Industrial Home was secured by the efforts of the teachers of Clark University. A larger building is greatly needed, and \$1,500 have been pledged by Mrs. Gammon, of Batavia, Ill., for this object, on condition that the Woman's Home Missionary Society appropriate a like amount and erect a new and larger building where it will co-operate with the university.

LITTLE ROCK.—The site for the Home was granted on a lease free of expense by the Freedmen's Aid Society. The house and furnishings cost \$2,400, and was the gift of Mrs. Philander Smith and Mrs. Wm. E. Blackstone, of Oak Park, Ill.

HOLLY SPRINGS.—The site was purchased for \$1,000, and includes a building which rents for \$75 a year. The building for Industrial Home cost \$2,800, and the furnishings, fencing of lot, etc., \$500—total, \$4,300.

ORANGEBURG.—For two years our Industrial Home has been conducted in a house granted us free of rent by the Freedmen's Aid Society. A new building is now being erected on a beautiful elevation adjoining the campus of the university; is to be called the Matthew Simpson Industrial Home, and is a tribute of love from the ladies of the Philadelphia Conference Society. When completed, including the purchase of five acres of land, with shrubbery, a well, and other accessories, the cost will not exceed \$3,800.

Thus it will be seen that the maximum cost of establishing an Industrial or Model Home as above described, associated with a Freedmen's Aid School, capable of accommodating sixteen girls in the family and seventy-five in the industrial classes, is less than \$4,500. Insurance and repairs, and the salary and traveling expenses of the superintendent, would make the annual expense of maintaining an Industrial Home about \$500. During a period of five years eighty girls will each receive a year's training in the Home, and 375 will be taught sewing and other industries in the classes.

SAVANNAH.—During the year valuable property has been purchased and put in good repair. The building is imposing in appearance, convenient and attractive. The school since the opening of the new Home in April has enrolled seventy pupils; the family consisted of fifteen children and two of our faithful teachers, Mrs. Lewis and Miss Baldwin. The third teacher has just entered upon her duties, and the school opens this Fall with ninety children, and the family embraces, in addition to the teachers, twenty-eight girls and four boys. The report of the Chairman of the State Committee will furnish interesting details of the work.

NEW ORLEANS.

Miss Cowgill, our missionary here has also held the office of Corresponding Secretary of the Louisiana Conference. In connection with general missionary work, she supervises several mission schools that have been taught in our churches. These are nearly self-supporting, the parents paying according to their ability from ten to fifty cents a month tuition. We visited six of these schools last Winter, and found them taught by competent Christian teachers, and filled with bright, promising pupils, the average enrollment being forty-five, and the attendance thirty-eight. We were present at the opening of one of these schools, and the singing, the responses, the recitation of the Scriptures and catechism, would have been creditable to one of our Northern schools. A sewing school is sustained in connection with each of these mission schools. It is necessary occasionally to supplement what the people can give by a small appropriation.

In sections of the country where the advantages for education are poor, these mission schools held in our churches and taught by girls trained in our Industrial Schools will prove a great blessing. Louisiana is an example of the need for mission schools. The school population between the ages of four and seventeen is 300,153. There are sittings in the school houses of the State for 72,499, and the entire number attending elementary and high schools during the year is 81,012, the proportion of schools for the colored people to those for the whites being about one to four.

HEALTH TRAINING.

The mortality among the colored people is fearful, the natural result of ignorance and superstition. Unless they can be instructed in the laws of life and health, and be induced to follow them, we can see no method of relief. These laws should be taught in our Industrial Homes, instruction should be given in the use of simple remedies and in the care of the sick, and especial attention should be given to the training of nurses. The good influence will spread all over the South, where the missionary work of our graduates is needed. The superintendents in our Industrial Homes make temperance instruction an important feature of their work. They organize temperance societies in the Homes, among the students, and the citizens of the vicinity. The Freedmen's Aid Society co-operate with us in this work by the introduction of temperance text-books into the course of study of the schools.

ELIZABETH L. RUST, *Secretary.*

Report from Bureau for Mormons.

From the suggestions of the Utah Committee, together with my knowledge of affairs, I find the need for "extension of work" in Utah runs parallel with the social upheaving. Never has the demand been what it is to-day. In specifying the teachers and missionaries called for, I leave the question of remuneration, of course, to the Committee, as all salaries are fixed *pro rata*.

First, and "above all," say the Committee—and I say "amen"—an English-speaking lady missionary (in the capacity in which Mrs. Spurlock serves) is needed in Ogden, Provo, and Logan; another in Salt Lake City. It is best to *urge* this supply in advance of all others, in the judgment of those who study the problem *on the ground*.

In "chapel" or "school-house" extension, one is needed in Grantsville and one in Santaquin at the earliest date possible. The work in hand should be held and fortified.

An appropriation should be made for an *Industrial Home*. The imperative demand for such an institution is felt more and more each day. Polygamous wives, whose husbands are imprisoned, tax our sympathy and fix our duty.

I hope these matters will be considered, and the needs fully met, at the Annual Meeting.

ANGIE F. NEWMAN, *Secretary*.

Report of the Treasurer.

Mrs. A. R. CLARK, in Account with the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

November 1, 1884, to Nov. 1, 1883.

RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

Conference Collection, \$28.00; Washington, D. C., Fourth Street Church, \$5.00; Wesley Chapel, \$1.00; Great Falls, \$1.00. Total, \$35.00.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

MISS CLARA ALLEN, *Secretary*.

MRS. JAMES DALE, *Treasurer*.

To General Fund.—EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Cincinnati: Asbury, Young People's Band, \$13.77; "Early Blossoms," \$3.25; Mt. Auburn, \$12.00; Mt. Lookout, \$5.00; Trinity, \$186.61, including \$29.01, from Mission Band; Walnut Hills, \$73.00; Avondale, \$5.00; Lebanon, \$4.25; Milford, \$14.00; Pleasant Ridge, \$55.50; Morrow, \$10.00; Xenia, First Church, \$28.00; "Young Ladies Society," \$5.00; Mt. Washington, \$5.00. Total, \$420.38.

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Cincinnati: McLean, \$8.00; St. Paul, \$67.00; "Home Lights," \$58.00; York Street, \$44.50; Hamilton, \$17.00; Hartwell, \$43.30; Oxford, \$5.50; Sugar Valley, \$3.00; Winton Place, \$2.00; Camden, \$5.00; Wesleyan College, \$10.00. Total, \$263.30.

OTHER SOURCES.—Cincinnati Conference Collection, \$50.00.

Total, \$50.00.

Contingent Fund. — Receipts of Entertainments given by Cincinnati Churches:—

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Asbury, \$45.00; Avondale, \$3.00; McKendree, \$30.90; Mt. Auburn, \$60.00; Trinity, \$92.25; Walnut Hills, \$89.10; Red Bank, \$12.00; Pleasant Ridge, \$19.00; Columbia, \$1.00; Pearl Street, \$3.50; Mt. Lookout, \$30.00. Total, \$385.75.

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—McLean, \$25.00; Price's Hill, \$10.00; St. John, \$30.00; St. Paul, \$125.25; York Street, \$110.00; Fairmount, \$30.00; Wesleyan College, \$15.00; Delhi, \$10.00; Christie, \$2.50; Winton Place, \$12.63. Total, \$370.38.

DAYTON DISTRICT.—Dayton: Grace Church, \$132.00; Raper, \$33.00; St. Paul, \$13.00; Middletown, \$11.00. Total, \$189.00.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Springfield, Central Church, \$23.00; South Charleston, \$20.00; Urbana, Grace Church, \$23.00. Total, \$66.00.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.—Hillsboro, \$18.50. Total, \$18.50.

RIPLEY DISTRICT.—Aberdeen, \$1.00; Bethel, \$5.00; Mt. Orab, \$6.75; New Richmond, \$11.00. Total, \$23.75.

Total, \$1,787.06.

Beneficiary Fund.—Mt. Auburn, \$30.00; Lebanon, \$30.00; Asbury, Young People's Society, \$26.00; Madisonville, \$55.00; Mt. Washington, \$4.00; Trinity, \$10.00; Hillsboro, \$25.75. Total, \$180.75.

Special Fund.—**EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.**—Mt. Auburn, \$1,010.00 (this includes Mrs. J. L. Whetstone's donation of \$1,000.00; \$10.00 to Indian Fund); Trinity, \$115.00 (this includes \$50.00 to Savannah, \$10.00 to Utah, \$50.00 to Indian Cottage Fund, and \$5.00 to Mother's Jewels); Walnut Hills, \$215.00 (this includes Mrs. Simpkinson's donation of \$100.00 to Savannah, \$60.00 additional to Savannah, \$45.00 to Indian Cottage Fund, \$10.00 to Utah); Morrow, Mrs. Kibby, \$10.00 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Miss M. Lownes, \$5.00 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Xenia, First Church, \$15.00 (to Savannah Fund); Young Ladies' Society, \$20.00 (\$10.00 to Savannah Fund, \$10.00 to Scandinavian work in Utah). Total, \$1,390.00.

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Cincinnati: St. Paul, \$250.00, including \$50.00 from Home Lights—(Savannah Fund, \$150.00; Utah Fund, \$50.00; Indian Fund, \$50.00); York Street, \$40.00 (to Indian Fund). Total, \$290.00.

DAYTON DISTRICT.—Dayton, Grace Church, \$110.00 (to Savannah Fund). Total, \$110.00.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Springfield, High Street, \$12.40 (to Savannah Fund). Total, \$12.40.

Total, \$1,802.40.

Grand Total, \$3,770.21.

Honorary Patrons.—Mr. J. L. Whetstone, Mrs. A. L. L. Young, Miss Hattie N. Young.

Honorary Managers.—Mrs. D. C. Ridgway, Mrs. H. P. Mann, Mrs. McCabe, Miss M. Lownes, Mrs. I. W. Wiley, Mr. John Simpkinson.

Life Members.—Mrs. Emma Hubble, Mrs. E. P. Marshall, Mrs. R. Crosley, Mrs. Geo. Fox, Miss M. Sudler, Mrs. George G. Birrell, Mrs. W. N. Brodbeck, Mr. Augustus Wessel, Mrs. J. B. Martin, Rev. W. I. Fee, Mrs. W. I. Fee, Mrs. J. J. Reed, Mrs. John Patterson, Mrs. I. D. Jones, Miss Hattie Bayliss, Miss Cora Thorne, Miss Lizzie Thorne, Mrs. L. D. Reynolds, Mrs. Thos. Morgan, Mrs. W. M. Roll, G. W. Coleman.

CENTRAL NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

Mrs. H. F. SPENCER, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—**SYRACUSE DISTRICT.**—Syracuse, \$34.95.

GENEVA DISTRICT.—Penn Yan, \$41.00; Milo Centre, \$6.00.

ITHACA DISTRICT.—Newfield, \$10.00; Trumansburg, \$17.50.

AUBURN DISTRICT.—Auburn: First Church, \$72.89; Wall St., \$25.50.

ELMIRA DISTRICT.—Elmira: First Church, \$17.35; Hedding, \$6.67.

CAZENOVIA DISTRICT.—Cazenovia, \$7.50; Nelson, \$6.02. Total, \$245.38.

Beneficiary Fund.—Penn Yan, \$25.00. Total, \$25.00.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.—Auburn, First Church, \$80.35 (to Greensboro Home); Elmira, First Church, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Morse, \$105.00 (\$100.00 to name a room in their honor, \$5.00 to Scandinavian work in Utah); Cazenovia, \$26.50 (to Savannah Fund); Syracuse, \$18.00 (to Savannah Fund); Baldwinsville, \$10.00 (to Savannah Fund); Ithaca, Aurora Street, \$100.00 (to name a room in E. L. Rust Ind. Home in honor of Mrs. A. W. Green); Mrs. W. C. Ball, \$10. Total, \$349.85.

Grand total, \$620.23.

Life Members.—Mrs. H. F. Spencer, Mr. Dudley Morse, Mrs. Dudley Morse, Mrs. Rebecca Elmendorf, Miss Mary M. Elmendorf.

CENTRAL OHIO CONFERENCE.

Mrs. W. G. WILLIAMS, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BELLEFONTAINE DISTRICT.—Anna, \$8.25; De Graff, \$46.63; Hardin, \$12.00; Huntsville, \$1.00; Rushsylvania, \$1.00; Quincy, \$12.00; Sidney, \$49.00. Total, \$129.88.

DEFIANCE DISTRICT.—Bryan, \$13.00; "Earnest Workers," \$1.00; Defiance, \$58.54; "Mission Band," \$27.70; Montpelier, \$3.00; Pioneer, \$8.50; West Unity, Pulaski Charge, \$3.40. Total, \$115.14.

DELAWARE DISTRICT.—Belle Center, \$3.00; Delaware, William Street, \$56.87; Marysville, \$20.00; Mt. Victory, \$3.00. Total, \$82.87.

FINDLAY DISTRICT.—Ada, \$28.44; Arcadia, \$2.00; Mt. Blanchard, \$8.00; Rawson, \$1.00. Total, \$39.44.

LIMA DISTRICT.—Lafayette, \$10.85; Salem Charge, \$5.00. Total, \$15.85.

TOLEDO DISTRICT.—Bowling Green, \$15.30; Elmore, \$2.50; Fremont, \$40.81; "Children's Band," \$12.45; Oak Harbor, \$22.00; Toledo, St. Paul, \$22.25; "Willing Workers," \$25.00. Total, \$140.31.

Savannah Fund.—Anna, \$10.00; Bryan, "Earnest Workers," \$10.00; Defiance, \$3.00; Delaware, William Street, \$93.20; "Lucy Hayes Band," \$20.00; Rawson, \$5.40; Lafayette and Salem, \$10.00; Bowling Green, \$10.00; Fremont, \$70.00; "Children's Band, \$10.00. Total, \$241.60.

Utah Fund.—Bryan, "Earnest Workers," \$5.00; Delaware, William Street, \$366.50; Fremont, \$10.00; "Children's Band," \$5.00; Toledo, St. Paul, \$2.20. Total, \$388.70.

Indian Fund.—Delaware, William Street, \$45.00; "Lucy Hayes Band," \$35.00; Fremont, \$10.00. Total, \$90.00.

Fund for Promotion of the Work.—Delaware, William Street, Mrs. James Scott, \$100.00.

Supplies.—Total, 22 boxes; value, \$561.00.

Grand total, \$1,343.79.

Life Patrons.—Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Mrs. L. B. Gurley.

Life Manager.—Mrs. James Scott.

Life Members.—Mrs. H. M. Johnson, Mrs. John Eddy, Mrs. S. W. Thomson, Mrs. James Scott, Mrs. Nancy Carpenter, Mrs. E. R. Thompson, Miss Alice Thompson, Mrs. T. F. Joy, Mrs. Samuel Lynch, Mrs. W. G. Waters, Mrs. Martha Carpenter, Judge D. J. Cory, Mrs. D. J. Cory.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. F. GEARHART, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Conference collection, \$32.00; Chambersburg,

\$44.00; Williamsport, \$12.86; Chambersburg Juvenile Society, \$3.05; Mulberry, \$17.25. Total, \$109.16.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.—Chambersburg Juvenile Society, \$12.30 (to Savannah Fund). Total, \$12.30.

Grand total, \$121.46.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

— — — —, Secretary.

Beneficiary Fund.—Tiskilwa, \$47.25. Total, \$47.25.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.—Tiskilwa, Mrs. Hepperly, \$2.00 (to Savannah Fund). Total, \$2.00.

Grand total, \$49.25.

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

— — — —, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Conference Collection, \$56.70. Total, \$56.70.

Special Fund.—San Francisco, Mrs. S. M. Goodall, \$170.00 (\$100.00 to Holly Springs, \$60.00 to Savannah, \$10.00 to Scandinavian Work in Utah); Berkley, Mr. Munroe, \$20.50 (to Savannah Fund). Total, \$190.50.

Grand total, \$247.20.

Honorary Manager.—Mrs. S. M. Goodall.

Life Members.—Mrs. Jane Walker, Mrs. Eliza Gibson, Mrs. Li Long Hi, Mrs. A. F. Munroe.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

— — — —, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Dakota Conference Gleanings, \$11.00. Total, \$11.00.

DETROIT CONFERENCE.

MRS. HENRY WADE ROGERS, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—DETROIT DISTRICT.—Detroit: Central Church, \$236.84; Simpson Church, \$62.00; Cass Avenue Church, \$32.05; Fort Street Church, \$26.00; Haven, \$10.00; Wesley Chapel, \$5.00; Grace Greenfield Church, \$5.00; Grace Juvenile, \$5.00; Ypsilanti, \$69.00; Pontiac, \$43.32; Howell, \$19.75; New Boston, \$12.21; Plymouth, \$12.00; Belleville, \$10.00; Flat Rock, \$7.00; Dearborn, \$6.00; Sheldon, \$2.25; Life-memberships secured by Mrs. Edward Smith, of Central Church, Detroit, \$200.00; Mrs. Louisa Soules, Stockbridge, \$25.00; Rev. J. B. Goodson, Leesville, \$5.00.

Total, \$793.40.

ADRIAN DISTRICT.—Ann Arbor, \$328.90; Adrian, \$72.50; Hudson, \$30.00; Tecumseh, \$30.00; Grass Lake, \$15.00; Addison, \$14.00; Clinton and Macon, \$15.00; Saline, \$10.00; Springville, \$10.00; Sharon, \$9.25; Chelsea, \$7.00; Henrietta, \$6.00; Morenci, \$5.00; Clayton, \$5.00; Ridgeway, \$5.00; Monroe, \$4.00; Palmyra, \$4.00; Medina, \$3.00; Lambertville, \$3.00; Petersburg, 50 cents.

Total, \$577.15.

FLINT DISTRICT.—Flint, Court Street, \$95.83; Milford, \$29.00; Williamstown, \$15.00; Lapeer, \$15.00; Grand Blanc, \$10.00; Northville, \$10.00; Vernon, \$10.00; Holly, \$9.47; Bancroft, \$8.00; Fentonville, \$7.50; Hadley, \$7.00; Dansville, \$6.20; Morris, \$3.00; Burton, \$2.50; Webberville, \$2.00; Commerce, \$2.00; Highland, \$2.00; Gaines, \$2.25; Oak Grove, \$1.00.

Total, \$237.75.

SAGINAW DISTRICT.—East Saginaw: Jefferson Avenue Church, \$70.00; Hess Street Church, \$14.78; Bay City, Washington Avenue Church, \$43.50; S. Bay City, Fremont Avenue Church, \$12.00; Caro, \$20.00; Vassar, \$15.09; Orion, \$14.95; Unionville, \$13.00; Corunna, \$11.25; Utica, \$10.00; Henderson, \$9.43; Owasso, \$3.00; Watrous, \$7.00; Caseville, \$3.00;

Chesaning, \$6.60; Bennington, \$5.52; Saginaw City, \$5.00; Mayville, \$5.00; Reese, \$3.50; Oxford, \$3.00; Tuscola, \$2.25; Cass City, \$1.00. Total, \$288.87.

PORT HURON DISTRICT.—Port Huron, \$35.00; St. Clair, \$16.00; Mt. Clemens, \$12.00; Metamora, \$8.00; Fort Gratiot, \$6.00; Forester, \$5.00; New Haven, \$4.00; Marine City, \$3.00; Downingtown, \$1.00. Total, \$90.10.

ALPENA DISTRICT.—West Bay City, \$25.00; East Tawas, \$20.00; Oscoda, \$10.00; Tawas City, \$10.00; Alpena, \$10.00. Total, \$75.00.

MARQUETTE DISTRICT.—Calumet, \$25.00; Lake Linden, \$11.00; Republic, \$12.00; Rockland and Greenland, \$5.00; Ishpeming, \$5.00; Iron Mountain, \$4.00; Munising Indian Mission, \$2.00; Osceola and Alloway, \$2.00; Atlantic and Huronton, \$2.00. Total, \$68.00.

SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT.—Sault Ste. Marie, \$10.00; Sault Ste. Marie Juvenile, \$1.00; St. Ignace, \$6.00; Monastique, \$3.00; Pickford, \$3.00. Total, \$23.00.

BAY VIEW Woman's Home Missionary Society, \$3.00; Bay View Camp-meeting, \$100.00. Total, \$103.00.

Total, \$2,216.27.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by donors.—Ann Arbor, Mrs. R. B. Pope's donation, \$20.00 (to Savannah Fund); Mrs. Royer's collection, \$10.00 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Hartland, Mrs. L. L. Warren, \$10.00 (to Savannah Home). Total, \$40.00.

Grand Total, \$2,256.27.

Honorary Manager.—Mrs. E. E. Royer.

Life Members.—Mrs. W. W. Ramsay, Mrs. Russell B. Pope, Rev. Russell B. Pope, D. D., Mr. Junius E. Beal, Mrs. Mary A. Day, Mrs. E. E. Royer, Mrs. W. J. Campbell, Mrs. Mary Cocker, Mrs. James Burns, Mrs. Joseph Toynton, Mrs. Wm. Phelps, Mrs. John Owen, Mr. Aaron C. Fisher, Mr. Edward Smith, Mr. Marshall H. Godfrey, Mr. Martin S. Smith, Mr. Wm. H. Brace, Mrs. W. H. Poole.

EAST OHIO CONFERENCE.

Mrs. J. B. CORY,
Secretary.

Mrs. W. H. WILSON,
Treasurer.

To General Fund.—AKRON DISTRICT.—Akron, First Church, \$152.25; Bristolville, \$3.50; Kent, \$9.00; Newton Falls, Young Ladies' Society, \$4.00; Warren, \$12.00; West Farmingham, Young Ladies' Society, \$6.00; Talmadge, \$30.00; Windsor, \$7.02; Middlefield, \$4.06; Bristol, \$3.00. Total, \$230.83.

BARNESVILLE DISTRICT.—Barnesville, \$3.00. Total, \$3.00.

CANTON DISTRICT.—Canton, First Church, \$7.25; Young Ladies' Society, \$7.00; Franklin Square, Young Ladies' Society, \$10.00; Mt. Union, \$2.00; Sandyville, \$1.00. Total, \$27.25.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.—McConnellsville, \$13.98; Cambridge, \$1.00. Total, \$14.98.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT.—Cleveland: First Church, \$61.03; Scoville Avenue, \$63.58; Young Ladies' Society, \$9.50; Central Church, \$67.00; Young Ladies' Society, \$3.45; Woodland Avenue, \$21.96; Superior Street, \$13.50; Euclid Avenue, \$23.50; Geneva, \$40.75; Madison, \$10.95; Mayfield, \$19.00; Painesville, \$15.00; Lake Erie Academy, \$11.00; Perry, \$18.00; Forest Hill, \$11.14; Mentor, \$16.00. Total, \$405.36.

NEW PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—New Philadelphia, \$1.00; Cadiz, \$10.00; Coshocton, \$20.00. Total, \$31.00.

STEUBENVILLE DISTRICT.—Bridgeport, \$16.10; Juvenile Band, \$2.88; Martin's Ferry, \$12.46. Total, \$31.44.

YOUNGSTOWN DISTRICT.—Hubbard, \$6.51; Amboy, \$5.00; Rock Creek, \$5.00; Richmond, \$1.75; Kingsville, \$5.00. Total, \$23.26.

Total to General Fund, \$767.12.

Beneficiary Fund.—Bridgeport, \$30.00 (to Leonora Smith, Haven Home); Akron, \$12.50 (to Holly Springs); Cleveland, First Church, Mrs. Castle, \$20.00 (to a boy in the South). Total, \$62.50.

Special Fund.—Warren, \$30.00 (\$25 to Savannah, \$5 to Scandinavian work in Utah); Bridgeport, Kirkwood Juvenile Band, \$40.00 (\$20 to Savannah Fund, \$20 to Scandinavian work in Utah); Cleveland, First Church, \$58.72 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Euclid Avenue, Mrs. Rose, \$10.00 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Broadway, \$5.00 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Scoville, \$25.00 (\$20 to Savannah Fund, \$5 to Scandinavian work in Utah); Geneva, \$20.00 (to Savannah Fund); Mayfield, \$20.00 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Damascus, \$10.00 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Forest Hill, \$10.00 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Akron: \$20.00 (Mrs. F. Schumaker, to Savannah Fund); First Church, Mrs. Phillips' donation, \$105.00 (\$100 to the illiterate whites of the South, \$5 to Scandinavian work in Utah); Basket collection, \$20.90 (to Savannah Fund); \$40.70, proceeds of sale of Mrs. Adams' quilt (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Coshocton, \$10.00 (to Savannah Fund). Total, \$425.32.

Grand Total, \$1,254.94.

Honorary Manager.—Miss Hattie S. Phillips.

Life Members.—Mrs. J. C. Adams, Mrs. M. P. Author, Master Carl C. Castle, Mrs. Rev. R. F. Keeler, Miss Lillie B. Turner, Mrs. M. B. Taylor, Miss Maggie Monks, Miss Mary A. Hubbard, Mrs. F. Schumaker.

ERIE CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. V. CULVER, Secretary and Treasurer.

Clarion District.

General Fund.—Clarion, \$10.00; Brookville, \$8.45; New Bethlehem, \$12.75; Reynoldsville, \$17.00; Troy (Summerville P. O.), \$7.00; (Young Ladies' Society) Clarion, \$5.00; Salem City (Seneca P. O.), 40c.

Total, \$60.60.

Special Funds.—*Utah, Lucy Hayes' School Houses.*—New Bethlehem, 94c.; Reynoldsville, 63c.; Troy (Summerville P. O.), \$2.29; Edenburg (Knox P. O.), \$10.00; Strattonville, 52c.; DuBois, \$1.06; Salem City (Seneca P. O.), Young Ladies' Society, \$1.97.

Total, \$17.41.

Gilbert Haven Home.—Clarion, \$20.00; Brookville, \$3.60; Reynoldsville, 64c.; Troy (Summerville P. O.), \$2.29; Edenburg (Knox P. O.), \$10.00; Strattonville, 53c.; DuBois, \$1.07; East Brady, \$5.00; (Young Ladies Society), Clarion, to furniture for a room, \$16.00; New Bethlehem, \$3.54; Salem City (Seneca P. O.), by Mrs. Joseph K. Dale, \$20.00; Edenburg (Knox P. O.), "Lucy Hayes' Band" to make Miss Hettie A. Keatley Life-member, \$20.00.

Total, \$102.67.

Elizabeth L. Rust Industrial Home.—Shippenville, Young Ladies' Society (to furniture for room), \$19.17.

Total, \$19.17.

Beneficiaries.—New Bethlehem (to Holly Springs, Miss.), \$25.00.

Total, \$25.00.

Grand Total, \$224.85.

Life Members.—Mrs. Margaret Rhea, Mrs. J. H. Keeley, Mrs. Joseph K. Dale, Miss Hettie A. Keatley.

Packages and Value of Mission Supplies.—Clarion (1), \$49.90; New Bethlehem (2), \$57.82; Clarion Young Ladies' Society (1), \$15.15; Shippenville Young Ladies' Society (1), \$26.35; Edenburg, "Lucy Hayes' Band" (1), \$19.38.

Total, 6 packages; value, \$168.60.

Erie District.

General Fund.—Chautauqua, \$10.00; North East (Missionary tea to first half of Life Membership, \$10.00), \$30.00; Asbury (West Mill Creek P. O.) (Mite-boxes, \$15.76), \$30.51; Forestville, \$13.81; Ripley, \$11.02; Brocton, \$13.25; Waterford, \$10.75; West Springfield, \$8.04; East Springfield, \$4.75; Mayville, \$3.00; Green Charge, \$2.00; Fredonia, N. Y., "Blanche Blair" Band, \$16.75; Westfield, \$33.30. Total, \$187.18.

Mother's Jewels.—Ripley, 40c. Total, 40c.

Conference Contingent Fund.—Chautauqua, \$5.00; Asbury, \$2.00; Westfield, \$1.82; "Mystery," \$7.60. Total, \$16.42.

Special Funds.—*Utah, Lucy Hayes' School Houses.*—Asbury, \$1.00. Total, \$1.00.

Gilbert Haven Home.—Chautauqua, \$70.00 (\$20.00 for Life Membership, \$50.00 donated by Mrs. A. Bentley); Asbury, \$10.00; Forestville, \$10.00; Brocton, \$10.00. Total, \$100.00.

Beneficiaries.—Chautauqua to Haven Home, \$20.00; Fredonia, N. Y., "Blanche Blair" Band to Claflin University, \$11.00. Total, \$31.00.

Grand Total, \$336.00.

Life Members.—Mrs. E. J. L. Baker.

Packages and Value of Mission Supplies.—North East (1), \$31.97; Asbury (West Mill Creek P. O.) (1), \$13.60; Forestville (1), \$21.69; Ripley (1), \$60.35; Brocton (1), \$15.00; West Springfield (1), \$20.50; East Springfield (1), \$25.50; Fredonia (N. Y.), "Blanche Blair" Band (1), \$55.98; Westfield Young Ladies' Society (1), \$55.48.

Total, 9 packages; value, \$300.07.

Franklin District.

General Fund.—Reno (Mite Box Collection, \$3.63), \$15.13; Franklin, \$38.92 (including \$20.00 for Life Membership); Titusville, \$32.75; Tidioute, \$11.73; Tionesta, \$5.10; South Oil City, Grace Church, \$57.03; Emlenton, \$3.89; St. Petersburg, \$6.15; Petrolia, \$4.07; Millerstown (Barnhart's Mills P. O.), (Lecture and Teas, \$20.00), \$40.58; South Oil City, Grace Church Busy Bees, \$15.00. Total, \$226.72.

Mother's Jewels.—Reno, 60c. Total, 60c.

Conference Contingent Fund.—Reno, 12c.; Franklin, 59c.; Titusville, \$2.00; Millerstown, 10c. Total, \$2.81.

Special Fund.—*Gilbert Haven Home.*—Reno, \$1.70; Titusville (for Life Memberships), \$35.00; first payment toward \$100.00 pledged to name a room, \$35.00), \$70.00. Total, \$71.70.

Indian Work.—Reno, Mite Box Collection, \$1.35. Total, \$1.35.

Beneficiaries.—Reno (to Claflin University, \$10.00; Mite Box Collection to Haven Home, \$3.10), \$13.10; Titusville (to Claflin University), \$47.00; Oil City, Trinity Church (to Rev. and Mrs. Hetfield, Indian Reservation, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.), \$15.00. Total, \$75.10.

Grand Total, \$381.91.

Life Members.—Mrs. Hattie H. Smith, Mrs. E. G. Burgess, Mrs. S. C. Painter.

Mission Supplies.—Titusville (four packages), \$121.55; South Oil City, Grace Church (1), \$51.12; Oil City, Trinity Church, (1), \$53.71.

Total, 6 packages; value, \$226.38.

Jamestown District.

General Fund.—Ellington, \$10.86; Jamestown, N. Y., (Sunday-school Birthday Mite Box Collection, \$4.50), \$42.75; Warren (Mite Box Collection, \$6.51), \$31.99; Panama (Mite Box Collection, \$12.00), \$29.00; Farmington (Laudée P. O.), \$5.50; North Corry, \$10.50; Randolph, \$4.00; Salamanca, \$2.50; West Salamanca, \$3.50; Ashville (Harmony P. O.), \$4.25; Sheffield, \$8.00; Irvington, Mrs. E. H. Culbertson, \$2.00; (Young Ladies' Society), Corry, \$11.00. Total, \$165.85.

Conference Contingent Fund.—Jamestown, N. Y., \$2.75; Warren, 90c. Total, \$3.65.

Special Funds.—*Utah*, "*Lucy Hayes' School Houses*."—Randolph, \$2.00; West Salamanca, 70c.; Sherman, \$5.00; Corry Young Ladies' Society, \$1.00. Total, \$8.70.

Gilbert Haven Home.—Jamestown, N. Y., Young People's Society (to furniture for room), \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

Grand Total, \$188.20.

Packages and Value of Mission Supplies.—Jamestown, N. Y. (1), \$41.64; Warren (2), \$159.31; Panama (2), \$74.73; Farmington (Laudée P. O.), \$22.00; Wattsburg (1), \$10.00; Irvington (2), \$79.60; Corry Young Ladies' Society (1), \$22.25. Total, 10 packages; \$409.53.

Meadville District.

General Fund.—Espyville, \$20.00; Meadville, \$16.75; Mill Village, \$9.51; Albion, \$10.00; Conneautville, \$23.65; Springboro, \$17.32; Cambridge, \$4.00; Saegertown, \$3.03; Jamestown, Pa., \$5.00; Linesville, \$5.37; Greenville, \$22.00; Cochran, \$9.50; Tryonville, \$2.25; Centerville, \$7.45; Spartansburg, \$10.75; Townville, \$3.00; Townville "*Lucy Hayes*" Band, \$1.75; Dicksonburg, \$3.25; Rockville (Woodcock P. O.), Mite Box Collection, \$8.86; Edinboro, \$3.98. Total, \$187.42.

Conference Contingent Fund.—Meadville, 36c.; Albion, 50c.; Springboro, 30c. Total, \$1.16.

Special Funds.—*Utah*, "*Lucy Hayes' School Houses*."—Meadville, \$10.00; Conneautville (completing Memorial Life Membership), \$10.00. Total, \$20.00.

Gilbert Haven Home.—Meadville, Mrs. E. B. Lane, \$20.00; Conneautville, \$10.00; Edinboro Young Ladies' Society, \$10.00. Total, \$40.00.

Grand Total, \$248.58.

Life Members.—Mrs. E. B. Lane, Mrs. E. P. McCabe (memorial).

Packages and Value of Mission Supplies.—Espyville (1), \$39.88; Meadville (1), \$90.85; Albion (1), \$25.00; Conneautville (2), \$83.40; Springboro (2), \$24.60; Cambridge (1), \$2.00; Saegertown (1), \$24.45; Spartansburg (1), \$23.00. Total, \$313.18.

New Castle District.

General Fund.—New Castle, First Church, \$12.00; Fredonia, Pa., \$15.75; Sandy Lake, \$5.00; Sheakleyville, \$16.37; Mercer, \$10.00; Grove City, \$10.00; Henderson, \$10.00; Stoneboro, \$12.50; West Middlesex, \$4.25; Mt. Jackson Charge, Mrs. J. K. Mendenhall, \$1.00; New Castle, Pearson Street Charge, \$1.00; Sandy Lake (Mite Box Collections, \$3.30), \$8.42; Sharon "*Lina Kummer*" Band, \$5.69; Fredonia, Pa., Home Mission Band (Mite Box Collections), \$4.32. Total, \$116.30.

Mothers' Jewels.—Grove City, 5c.

Total, 5c.

Conference Contingent Fund.—Fredonia, Pa., 48c.; Sandy Lake, 56c.; Sheakleyville, 80c.; Stoneboro, 54c.; Sandy Lake, Young People's Society, 25c. \$2.63.

Special Funds.—*Utah, Lucy Hayes' School Houses.*—Fredonia, Pa., Home Mission Band, \$2.80. Total, \$2.80.

Gilbert Haven Home.—New Castle, First Church, \$20.00. Total, \$20.00.

Beneficiaries.—New Castle, First Church, Claflin University, \$17.00. Total, \$17.00.

Grand total, \$158.78.

Life Member.—Mrs. Geo. C. Treadwell.

Packages and Value of Mission Supplies.—New Castle, First Church (2), \$66.45; Fredonia, Pa. (1), \$26.26; Sandy Lake (1), \$40.00. Total, 4 packages; value, \$132.71.

Total to General Fund, \$975.42.

“ “ Beneficiary “ \$148.10.

Special Fund, \$414.80.

Grand total, \$1,538.32.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. S. B. DARNELL, Secretary. Mrs. W. I. SALMOND, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Conference Collection, \$4.33; Jacksonville, Ebenezer Church, \$16.65; St. Augustine, First Church, \$15.00; Cookman Mission Band, \$20.00; Fernandina, \$5.25. Total, \$61.23.

Special Fund.—Sanford, Mrs. J. C. Thorpe, \$20.00 (to Simpson Memorial Home). Total, \$20.00.

Grand total, \$81.23.

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

— — —, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Conference Collection, \$32.65; Miss Mary Whipple, \$10.00. Total, \$42.65.

Beneficiary Fund.—Buffalo, Mrs. Root, \$60.00 (to girl in Haven Home). Total, \$60.00.

Grand total, \$102.65.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

— — —, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Holston Conference Collection, \$1.15. Total, \$1.15.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

Mrs. H. W. BENNETT, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Rushville, \$11.00. Total, \$11.00.

Beneficiary Fund.—Bloomington, \$6.66 (to Adeline Pollard, in Haven Home). Total, \$6.66.

Special Fund.—Griggsville, \$16.50 (to Scandinavian Work in Utah); Jacksonville, Mrs. Dougherty, \$10.00 (to Scandinavian Work in Utah); Duncansville, Mrs. Sweenigin, \$5.00 (to Scandinavian Work in Utah). Total, \$31.50.

Grand total, \$49.16.

IOWA CONFERENCE.

MRS. E. J. WRIGHT, Secretary. MRS. W. F. COWLES, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Muscatine, \$21.85; Washington, "Jennie Willing" Band, \$4.62; Knoxville, \$10.00. Total, \$36.47.

Special Fund.—Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Keeler, \$6.50. Total, \$6.50

Grand total, \$42.97.

INDIANA CONFERENCE.

MRS. ELIZABETH KENNEDY, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Indianapolis, California Street, \$6.60. Total, \$6.60.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

MRS. J. W. LIVEZEY, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Covington, Union Chapel, \$22.00. Total, \$22.00.

Special Fund.—Covington, Union Church, \$8.00 (to Utah Fund); Louisville, Mrs. Fannie Speed, \$210.00 (\$100.00 to Savannah Fund, \$50.00 to Haven Home Furnishing Fund, \$60.00 to Haven Mission); Hardinsburg, \$400.95 (to Mission Work in Kentucky). Total, \$318.95.

Grand total, \$340.95.

Honorary Patron.—Mrs. Fannie Speed.

KANSAS CONFERENCE.

To General Fund.—Conference Gleanings, \$28.42; Carbondale, \$4.00. Total, \$32.42.

NORTH-WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE.

To General Fund.—Conference Gleanings, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

SOUTH-WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE.

MRS. W. S. BUCKNER, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Gleanings, \$40.07; Hutchinson, \$3.50. Total, \$43.57.

SOUTH KANSAS CONFERENCE.

— — —, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Collections sent by Rev. H. J. Coker, \$19.60. Total, \$19.60.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

MRS. L. E. STEVENS, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Wesley Chapel, Young People's Society, \$17.25; Philander Smith College, \$4.50; Proceeds of Fair, \$17.25; Saulsburg, \$2.40. Total, \$41.40.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

Miss J. COWGILL, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Conference Collection, \$21.00; Baton Rouge, \$2.00; New Orleans, Mission Charges, \$27.15. Total, \$50.15.

MAINE CONFERENCE.

MRS. B. FREEMAN, Secretary. MRS. C. J. CLARK, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Kent's Hill, \$10.00; Maine Conference Auxiliaries, \$26.00. Total, \$36.00.

Beneficiary Fund.—Gardiner, \$50.00. \$50.00.

Grand total, \$86.00.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

MRS. W. J. ALDRICH, Secretary. MRS. E. L. KELLOGG, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—*Frontier Work in Michigan.*—Credits given to Districts and not to Auxiliaries. Albion District, \$66.00; Coldwater District, \$41.00; Kalamazoo District, \$147.57; Niles District, \$16.15; Grand Rapids District, \$22.35; Ionia District, \$27.00; Lansing District, \$144.75.

Total, \$464.82.

Special Fund.—Mrs. Moss, \$4.00 (to Utah Fund).

Total, \$4.00.

Grand total, \$468.82.

Life Members.—Mrs. L. P. Ferguson, Mrs. M. M. Cullen, Mrs. Sarah Miller, Mrs. Dora J. Stanton, Mrs. John Blanchard, Miss Louise Bassett, Mrs. W. J. Aldrich.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

— — — — —, Secretary.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.—Mississippi Conference Collection, \$111.00 (to E. L. Rust Home).

Total, \$111.00.

NORTH OHIO CONFERENCE.

MRS. G. A. HUGHES, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Cleveland: Franklin Avenue, \$47.00; Lucy Hayes Mission Band, \$11.40; Taylor Street, \$5.75; Jennings Avenue, \$5.69; Wellington, \$53.00; Huntington, \$22.00; Lorain, \$3.50; New London, \$13.99; North Dover, \$4.50; Roscoe, \$18.75; Fredericktown, \$29.30; Mt. Vernon, \$15.45; Danville, \$2.00; Mansfield, \$30.75; Ashland, \$27.75; Ashland Juvenile, \$3.13; Plymouth, \$31.75; Plymouth Juvenile, \$3.00; Ontario, \$10.50; Perrysville, \$3.25; Pavonia, \$10.00; Hayesville, \$10.00; Hayesville Juvenile, \$2.75; Wooster, \$28.00; Canaan, \$3.50; Wooster Young Ladies, \$1.50; Millersburg Juvenile, \$3.25; Smithville, \$7.00; Fredericksburg, \$4.25; New Portage, \$1.00; Mt. Gilead, \$22.50; Crestline, \$25.75; Cardington, \$10.00; Norwalk, \$33.50; Norwalk Juvenile, \$10.00; Tiffin, \$7.00; Bellevue, \$4.00; Green Springs, \$1.00.

Total, \$527.46.

Beneficiary Fund.—Cleveland, Franklin Avenue, \$27.36; Ontario, \$5.00; Plymouth Juvenile Band, \$14.00.

Total, \$46.36.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.—Hayesville, \$10.00 (to Savannah); Mansfield, \$28.00 (to Holly Springs), \$30.00 (to Savannah), \$10.00 (to Scandinavian Work in Utah); Fredericktown, \$20.00 (to Savannah); \$20.00 (to Scandinavian Work in Utah); Wellington, \$25.00 (to Scandinavian Work in Utah), \$55.00 (to Savannah); Wellington Young Ladies, \$35.00 (to Savannah, for furnishing); Norwalk, \$85.00 (to Savannah); Ashland, \$1.00 (to Savannah); Oberlin, \$30.00 (to Savannah); Franklin Avenue, Cleveland, \$40.00 (to Savannah), \$10.00 (to Scandinavian Work in Utah); "Lucy Hayes" Mission Band, \$35.00 (to Scandinavian Work in Utah); North Dover, \$20.00 (to Savannah); Lorain, \$10.00 (to Savannah); Wooster, \$13.00 (to Savannah); Huntington, \$10.00 (to Savannah); Mt. Gilead, \$20.00 (to Savannah); Cardington, Mrs. Shunk, \$20.00 (to Utah).

Total, \$527.00.

Grand total, \$1,100.82.

Life Members.—Mrs. Calvin Whitney, Mrs. N. S. Albright, Miss Vide Talmage, Miss Mary Elizabeth Shaw, Mrs. M. A. Cahoon, Miss Susie Wilson, Mr. C. E. Clapp, Rev. T. J. Leak, Mrs. H. C. Hedges, Miss Marie Nast, Mrs. Mary D. Santley, Rev. T. F. Hildreth, Mrs. T. F. Hildreth, Mrs. L. L. Doud, Rev. W. H. Painter, Mrs. W. H. Painter, Mrs. S. A. Wilson, Mrs. E. A. Breckenridge.

NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Miss LUCY E. ROBINSON, Secretary. Mrs. A. C. MAY, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Goshen, \$1.25; Red Key, \$2.00; Fountain City, \$5.00; Sevastopol, \$3.00; Greenfield, \$1.00; Cicero, \$1.00. Total, \$12.25.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.—North Indiana Conference, \$26.25; Indianapolis, Meridian Street, \$69.14; Selma, \$1.70; Pennville, \$3.20; Dunkirk, \$1.35; Montpelier, \$3.27; Red Key, \$3.00; New Castle, \$12.55. (This special fund to name a room in Mt. Pleasant, "Lucy Hayes School-house"). Total, \$120.46.

Grand total, \$132.71.

NORTH-WEST INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. S. A. MATTHEWS,
Secretary.

Mrs. MYRON CAMPBELL,
Treasurer.

To General Fund.—LAPORTE DISTRICT.—South Bend: First M. E. Church, \$50.33; Young Ladies' Society, \$47.00; Michigan Street, \$11.40; New Carlisle, \$9.50; Michigan City, \$16.34; Valparaiso, \$26.47; Plymouth, \$9.00; Hebron, \$6.00; Lowell, \$3.78; Crown Point, \$7.75; Laporte, \$16.75; Hammond \$10.00. Total, \$214.32.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT.—Lafayette, Trinity, \$27.00; Foresman, \$3.00; Battle Ground Camp-meeting, \$20.00; Rensselaer, \$3.25. Total, \$53.25.

FRANKFORT DISTRICT.—Kewanna, \$8.50. Total, \$8.50.

Total to General Fund, \$276.07.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.—South Bend, First Church, Young Ladies' Society, \$9.00 (to Holly Springs). Total, \$9.00.

Grand total, \$285.07.

Life Members.—Miss Eva Lemon, Mrs. H. A. Mikels, Mrs. Hannah Roberts.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

Miss MARTHA VAN MARTER,
Secretary.

Mrs. S. Y. BRIGHAM,
Treasurer.

To General Fund.—New York Conference Collection, \$76.11; Poughkeepsie Collection, \$8.35; New York City: Washington Square, \$98.25; Perry Street, \$8.35; Central Square, \$1.00; Twenty-fourth Street, \$34.31; St. John, \$30.00. Total, \$256.37.

Beneficiary Fund.—New York, Twenty-fourth Street, Miss M. Van Marter, \$30.00 (to student in Haven Home); Young Ladies' Society, \$24.96 (to student in Haven Home). Total, \$54.96.

Special Fund.—New York, Eighteenth Street, \$16.00 (to Savannah Fund); Carmel, Drew Ladies' Seminary, \$35.00 (to furnish a room in Savannah Home). Total, \$51.00.

Grand total, \$362.33.

Life Member.—Miss Martha Van Marter.

NORTHERN NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

Miss JENNIE M. BINGHAM, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Madison, \$4.00; Oswego, \$1.00; Collection at Conference, \$38.05; Auxiliaries, \$42.00 (credits not given in detail). Total, \$85.05.

Special Fund.—Madison, Mrs. E. B. Hopkins, \$10.00 (to Savannah Fund). Total, \$10.00.

Grand total, \$95.05.

NEW YORK EAST CONFERENCE.

Mrs. A. C. MORROW, Secretary.

Mrs. N. TIBBALS, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Brooklyn, Hanson Place, \$62.03; New York East Conference Collection, \$28.00. Total, \$90.03.

Beneficiary Fund.—Baldwinsville, \$10.00 (to Julia Wilkes, Haven Home). Total, \$10.00.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.—Brooklyn, Hanson Place, Mrs. J. F. Knapp, \$300.00 (to Scandinavian Work in Utah, in memory of her father and mother, Dr. W. C. Palmer and Mrs. Phoebe Palmer). Total, \$300.00.

Grand total, \$400.03.

Honorary Patron.—Mrs. Joseph F. Knapp.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

Mrs. A. W. JOHNSON, Secretary.

Mrs. S. T. H. THAYER, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BOSTON DISTRICT.—Boston: First M. E. Church, \$17.00; Tremont, \$2.00; Winthrop Street, \$21.00; Brookline, \$6.00; Worcester Union Auxiliary, \$37.00; Webster Square, Young Woman's Society, \$17.50. Total, \$100.50.

NORTH BOSTON DISTRICT.—Boston: Monument Square, \$4.00; Trinity, \$54.00; Lowell: First Church, \$6.08; St. Paul, \$27.92; Contingent Fund, \$2.00; Somerville, Union Square, \$5.00; Watertown, Golden Rule Band, \$6.75; Miss Cooper's Mite Box, \$2.00. Total, \$107.75.

LYNN DISTRICT.—Chelsea: Bellingham, \$5.00; Miss Reynolds \$1.00; Lynn, First Church, \$7.21; Lynn Common, \$139.00; Miss Emma Newhall's Mite Box, 85c.; Malden, \$63.00; Salem: Wesley Chapel, Bequest of Miss Sophia Emery, \$354.00; Wesley Chapel and Lafayette Auxiliaries, \$11.00. Total, \$581.06.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Springfield, \$52.00; Neponset, \$5.00; Asbury Grove Collections, \$22.00. Total, \$79.00.

Total to General Fund, \$868.31.

Beneficiary Fund.—Boston: First Church, Mrs. Daggett's Collection, \$10.00 (to student in Claflin); People's Church, \$45.00 (to students in Haven Home); Newtonville, Mrs. Thayer, \$25.00 (to student in Claflin); Worcester, \$30.00 (to student in Claflin); Springfield, \$30.00 (to student in Claflin); Malden, \$50.00 (Mrs. Geo. P. Cox and Miss Waitt, to student in Clark); Newtonville Auxiliary, \$16.00 (to student in Clark); Malden, \$50.00 (Mrs. Mansfield's Class, to student in Clark); Malden, \$60.00 (Mrs. Ladd's donation to student in Clark); Lynn Common, Mission Band, \$10.00 (to E. L. Rust Home); Lowell, St. Paul, Willing Workers, \$60.00 (to student in Haven Home). Total, \$386.00.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.—Boston: First Church, \$10.00 (to Savannah Fund); Winthrop Street, \$10.00 (to Savannah Fund); Jamaica Plains, Collections by Miss Emma Welton, \$10.00 (to Savannah Fund); Charlie Welton's Mite Box, \$2.00 (to Savannah Fund); Newton Lower Falls, \$20.00 (to Savannah Fund); Boston: Monument Square, \$10.00 (to Savannah Fund); Trinity, \$40.00 (to Savannah Fund); Lowell, St. Paul, \$10.00 (to Savannah Fund); Somerville, Broadway, \$10.00 (to Savannah Fund); Waltham, \$10.00 (to Savannah Fund); Watertown, "Golden Rule" Band, \$40.00 (to Savannah Fund); Everett, \$11.50 (to Savannah Fund); Lawrence, Mrs. A. P. Beach, \$50.00 (to Savannah Fund); Lynn Common, \$20.00 (to Savannah Fund); Mrs. Newhall and Family, \$100.00 (to E. L. Rust Home); Malden, Mrs. Geo. P. Cox, \$100.00 (to Savannah Home); Mrs. Geo. P. Cox and Miss Mary C. Waitt, \$50.00 (to Indian Fund); Mrs. Dr. Ladd, \$10.00 (to Savannah Fund); Springfield, \$74.00 (to Savan-

nah Fund); High Street, \$5.00 (to Savannah Fund); Haverhill, Mrs. Eliz. A. L. Dow, \$100.00 (to Savannah Fund); North Brookfield, \$10.00 (to Savannah Home). Total, \$702.50.

Grand total, \$1,956.81.

Honorary Managers.—Mrs. Eliz. A. L. Dow, Mrs. Isaac Newhall, Miss Mary C. Waitt, Mrs. Dr. N. G. Ladd, Mrs. Geo. P. Cox.

Life Members.—Mrs. J. H. Mansfield, Mrs. Waterman, Mrs. Noah Perrin, Mrs. S. T. H. Thayer, Miss Charlotte A. Richardson, Mrs. E. H. Besse, Mrs. George S. Chadbourne, Mrs. A. P. Beach, Mrs. Louisa Peirce, Mrs. L. A. Stowell.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

Mrs. S. A. MATHER,
Secretary.

Mrs. H. S. WHITTAKER,
Treasurer.

Special Fund.—All moneys from this Conference will be appropriated to Camden Home, unless another *fund* is indicated by donor.—South Manchester, \$20.30; Bristol, \$39.25; Nantasket, "Lucy Hayes" Band, \$7.00; Niantic, \$5.00; South Worcester, \$5.00; Newport, \$40.64; East Wareham, \$2.50; "Merry Workers," \$5.00; Conference Collections, \$26.00; Willimantic Camp-meeting, \$15.30; Preston, Mrs. Richardson, \$10.00; Cottage City Collections, \$6.38; Cottage City, Mrs. Mattoon, Card Collection, \$10.50; Mrs. J. H. Owens, \$10.00; East Providence, Mrs. Bliven, \$1.00; Yarmouth Camp Collection, \$12.00; Membership Fees, \$27.00; West Bridgeport, Mrs. Howard, \$14.00; Providence, Mrs. Dobson, \$15.00. *Special Savannah Fund*: Provincetown, \$10.00; Miss Howard, \$1.00. Total, \$282.87.

Beneficiary Fund.—Providence, \$30.00 (to student in Clafin). Total, \$30.00.

Grand total, \$312.87.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

Mrs. N. C. ALGER, Secretary.

Mrs. C. P. TRICKEY, Treasurer.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors—To Jacksonville Home, to be built by New Hampshire Conference.—DOVER DISTRICT.—Kingston, \$28.00; Epping Camp, \$8.78; Exeter, \$9.10; Mrs. Morehouse, \$10.00; Raymond, \$7.25. Total, \$63.13.

CONCORD DISTRICT.—Franklin Falls, Mrs. S. P. Heath, \$25.00; Warren, \$21.00; Groveton, \$6.00; Manchester, St. Paul, \$122.68; Weir's Camp Collection, \$10.80; Groveton Camp Collection, \$2.50. Total, \$187.98.

CLAREMONT DISTRICT.—Claremont Union Camp, \$10.50; North Charles-town, \$2.00; Hedding Camp, \$22.25; Sunapee, \$6.25; Lake Village, \$3.00; Salem Depot, \$35.00; Conference Auxiliary, \$9.00. Total, \$88.00.

Total, \$339.11.

To Savannah Home.—Antrim, Mrs. N. C. Alger, \$20.00. Total, \$20.00.

Grand total, \$359.11.

Life Members.—Mrs. N. C. Alger, Mrs. S. P. Heath.

NEWARK CONFERENCE.

Mrs. J. I. BOSWELL,
Secretary.

Mrs. A. DE GROOT,
Treasurer.

To General Fund.—NEWARK DISTRICT.—Montclair, \$13.00; Newark, Central Church, \$87.00; Halsey Street Church, \$5.00; Trinity, \$4.00. Total, \$109.00.

JERSEY CITY DISTRICT.—West Side Avenue, \$12.50; Young People's Band, \$4.00; Hedding, \$6.30. Total, \$22.80.

ELIZABETH DISTRICT.—Rahway, Second Church, \$4.80; Westfield, \$50.00; Suckasunny, \$4.00; Mt. Tabor, Young People's Society, \$76.00.

Total, \$134.50.

Total, \$266.60.

Beneficiary Fund.—Elizabeth, St. James Young Ladies' Society, \$30.00 (to student in Gilbert Haven Home).

Total, \$30.00.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by donors.—Conference collections, \$94.00 (to Mother Hill's room, Gilbert Haven Home); Newark: Miss C. F. Hedges, \$200.00 (to Savannah Fund); Central Church, Mrs. A. De Groot, \$1,000.00 (to build a Home not yet located); Central Church Auxiliary, \$120.00 (to Savannah Home); Jersey City, West Side, \$15.00 (to Savannah Fund); Mrs. Boswell, \$20.00 (to Savannah Fund); Mrs. W. H. Beach, \$25.00 (to Savannah Home); Elizabeth, \$20.00 (to Savannah Fund); Rahway, Second M. E. Church, \$15.00 (to Savannah Home); Montclair \$19.37 (to Savannah Fund); Westfield Young Ladies' Society, \$69.00 (to furnishing Savannah Home); Plainfield, Mr. A. H. Tuttle, \$100.00 (to Haven Mission, founded by missionaries at Gilbert Haven Home).

Total, \$1,697.37.

Grand total, \$2,013.97.

Honorary Patron.—Mrs. A. De Groot.

Honorary Managers.—Mrs. Julia F. Hedges, Miss C. F. Hedges, Mr. A. H. Tuttle.

Life Members.—Mrs. J. I. Boswell, Mrs. W. H. Beach.

NORTH-WEST IOWA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. S. P. Marsh, Secretary.

Mrs. T. W. Williams, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Cherokee, \$13.25; Le Mars, \$11.50; Rock Rapids, \$37.00; Sioux Falls, \$2.00; Gowery, \$1.00; Hubert, 25 cents; Manson, \$3.50; Newell, \$1.00; Sac City, \$7.00; Vail, \$1.00; Mrs. J. B. Shesler, of Hartley, \$2.50; Dakota, \$5.00; Estenelle, \$1.00; Sergeant's Bluff, \$7.00; Offerings: Mrs. Carter, \$1.00; Mrs. Gardner, \$1.00; Mrs. Mills, \$1.00; Mrs. Williams, \$1.00; Mrs. Harkes, Mr. and Mrs. Pendell, \$1.00 each.

Total, \$100.00.

Life Members.—Mrs. S. P. Marsh, Mrs. T. M. Williams, Mrs. J. B. Shesler.

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. F. Garrison, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Collections, \$37.19; Trenton, Mrs. Rankin, \$25.00; Dias Creek, \$2.00; Swedesboro, \$2.00; Through Mrs. Garrison, \$42.00, credits not given.

Total, \$108.19.

Special Fund.—Mrs. Brown, \$5.00 (to Savannah Home). Total, \$5.00.

Grand total, \$113.19.

NORTH NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. J. M. Maxfield, Secretary.

Mrs. D. Marquette, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Conference collections, \$31.06; Norfolk, \$6.05; St. Paul, \$7.25.

Total, \$44.36.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

— — —, Secretary.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by donors.—Greensboro, Mrs. Rosa B. Steele and friends, \$100.00 (to Greensboro Home, to be built by Troy Conference).

Total, \$100.00.

Honorary Manager.—Mrs. Rosa B. Steele.

NORTH-WEST GERMAN CONFERENCE.

— — —, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Conference collections, \$21.65. Total, \$21.65.

NEW MEXICO MISSION.

— — —, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Mora, Mrs. W. B. Rohman's donations, membership, \$1.00; Membership of Stuart Rohman, \$1.00. Total, \$2.00.

Special Fund.—To work in Savannah, \$1.50; to work in Utah, \$1.00. Total, \$2.50.

Grand total, \$4.50.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

MRS. T. W. STANLEY, Secretary. MRS. O. G. PETERS, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—COLUMBUS DISTRICT.—Columbus, Union Auxiliary, \$54.50; Young Ladies' Society, \$15.03. Total, \$69.53.

CHILLICOTHE DISTRICT.—New Holland, Locust Grove, \$18.75; Washington C. H., \$24.00. Total, \$42.75.

GALLIPOLIS DISTRICT.—Gallipolis, \$11.00; Children's Band, \$1.52. Total, \$12.52.

LANCASTER DISTRICT.—Lancaster, \$8.00; Logan, \$2.50; Sugar Grove, \$5.25. Total, \$15.75.

LONDON DISTRICT.—Saint Paul's, \$79.50; Young Ladies' Society, \$14.00. Total, \$93.50.

MARIETTA DISTRICT.—Marietta, \$16.00. Total, \$16.00.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.—Ironton, \$14.25. Total, \$14.25.

ZANESVILLE DISTRICT.—Zanesville, \$14.75; Malta, \$15.75; Hebron Circuit, Rev. B. Green, \$100.00. Total, \$130.50.

Total, \$394.80.

Beneficiary Fund.—Delaware, St. Paul, \$15.00; Gallipolis, \$5.00. Total, \$20.00.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by donors.—Columbus, \$95.00 (to Savannah Fund); Mrs. Dr. Dunham, \$10.00 (to Savannah Fund); Delaware, St. Paul, Mrs. Dr. Gurley's Donation of \$250.00 (to build a Home and chapel in Utah). Total, \$355.00.

Grand total, \$769.80.

Honorary Managers.—Rev. B. Green, Mrs. C. D. Firestone, Mrs. L. B. Gurley.

Life Member.—Mrs. E. L. Lindley, Mrs. O. G. Peters.

OREGON CONFERENCE.

— — —, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Oregon Conference collection, \$16.30. Total, \$16.30.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

MRS. C. W. BICKLEY, Secretary. MRS. H. B. KENNEY, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—East Montgomery, \$22.00; Fifth Street, \$12.00; Easton, Second Street, \$17.75. Total, \$51.75.

NORTH-WEST PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia, Grace Church, \$50.00; Germantown, Haines Street, \$50.00; Trinity, \$30.00; Tioga, \$34.00; Mount Pleasant, \$6.00. Total, \$170.00.

WEST PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia: Green Street, \$75.00; Nineteenth Street, \$49.00; Spring Garden, \$74.00; Western, \$14.85.

Total, \$212.85.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Chester, Madison Street and Mission Band, \$37.28; Ebenezer, \$62.09.

Total, \$99.37.

Total to General Fund, \$533.97.

Beneficiary Fund.—Germantown, Haines Street, Mrs. Palen, \$80.00 (to Mary Gross, Gilbert Haven Home).

Total, \$80.00.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by donors.—Philadelphia: Conference collections, \$131.50 (to Simpson Memorial Home); Grace, \$42.00 (\$32 to Simpson Home, \$10 to Savannah Fund); Trinity, \$62.00 (\$32 to Simpson Memorial Home, \$10 to Savannah, \$20, Mrs. Boughton's donation to Pawnee Indian Work); Germantown, Haines Street First Church, \$243.50 (\$84 to Simpson Memorial Home, \$139.50 to furnishing Mrs. Palen's room in Haven Home, \$10 to Utah, and \$10 to Indian Fund); Young Ladies' Society, \$18.25 (to Simpson Memorial Home); St. Stephen's, \$10.00 (to Savannah Home); Nineteenth Street, \$20.00 (to Savannah Home); Spring Garden, \$215.00 (to Simpson Memorial Home, and includes Mrs. W. L. Boswell's donation of \$100 to name a room in the Home); Pottsville, Mrs. Sarah Haywood, \$100.00 (to Simpson Memorial Home); Ebenezer, \$135.00 (to Simpson Memorial Home, and includes Mrs. M. A. Bowen's donation to name a room, and the \$35 from Auxiliary to furnish the same); Chester: Madison Auxiliary and Mission Band, \$24.15 (to Simpson Memorial Home); Green Street, \$76.00 (to Simpson Memorial Home, and includes \$25 toward paying \$100 to name a room "Daisy and Lillie" in the Home).

Total, \$1,077.40.

Grand total, \$1,691.37.

Honorary Patron.—Mrs. G. E. Palen.

Honorary Managers.—Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Mrs. M. A. Bowen.

Life Members.—Mrs. M. E. Clark, Mrs. S. Green, Mrs. S. M. Vernon, Mrs. C. G. Boughton.

PITTSBURG CONFERENCE.

MRS. H. C. DICKINSON, Secretary. MRS. A. R. INGRAM, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Pittsburg Churches, \$9.00; Alleghany, North Avenue, \$20.50; Blairsville, Juvenile Society, \$53.50; Donations through Mrs. Hanna, \$72.00.

Total, \$155.00.

Special Fund.—Johnstown, \$65.00 (to Holly Springs' furnishing); Sharpsburg, \$10.00 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Meadville, \$5.00 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Pittsburg, Mrs. Hanna, \$10.00 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Alleghany, Mrs. Schoyer, \$5.00 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Mrs. Alexander, \$5.00 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Beaver, \$10.00 (to Scandinavian work in Utah).

Total, \$110.00.

Grand total, \$265.00.

ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE.

MRS. E. E. MARCY, Secretary.

MRS. T. C. HOAG, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CHICAGO DISTRICT.—Chicago: Ada Street, \$21.00; Dixon Street, \$1.00; North-west Church, \$3.54; Halstead, \$13.68; Langley Avenue, \$21.00; Desplaines, \$24.55; Lake Bluff, \$35.00; Evanston, \$133.15; North Evanston, \$21.50; South Evanston, \$10.00; Oak Park, \$74.06; Waukegan, \$17.00; River Forest, \$7.77; Batavia, \$13.00; Lighthouse Point, \$8.00; Elgin, \$25.00; Joliet, \$13.00; Rockford, \$21.25; Aurora, \$15.25; Princeton, \$6.25; Plano, \$15.00.

Total, \$500.00.

Beneficiary Fund.—Chicago: Northwest, \$25.00 (to student in Claffin); River Forest, \$40.00 (to student in Clark); Evanston, \$250.00 (\$200.00 to Clark, \$50.00 to Bennett University); "Young Ladies' Society, \$20.00; Shirland, Mrs. Harwood, \$40.00 (to student in Clark).

Total, \$375.00.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.—Chicago: Halstead Street, \$30.00 (Mrs. Willing's donation to Savannah Fund, \$20.00; to Indian

Fund, \$10.00; Des Plaines, \$5.48 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Evanston, \$87.50 (\$62.50 to Gammon Home, \$20.00 to Savannah, \$5.00 to frontier work); South Evanston, \$12.50 (to Gammon Home); Evanston Woman's College, \$15.00 (to Special Mission Work in the South and Frontier); River Forest, Young Ladies' Society, \$15.00 (to Frontier work); Joliet, \$5.00 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Batavia, \$32.00 (\$20.00 to Savannah Fund, \$12.00 to Scandinavian Work in Utah); Princeton, \$8.00 (to Savannah Fund); Evanston, \$200.00 (to Training School). Total, \$410.48.

Grand total, \$1,285.48.

Honorary Managers.—Mrs. E. E. Marcy, Mrs. Jennie F. Willing, Mrs. Simeon Farwell, Mrs. H. J. Straight, Mrs. W. Kerchoff, Mrs. C. C. McCabe.

Life Members.—Mrs. J. B. Hobbs, Mrs. M. Raymond, Mrs. James S. Kirk, Mrs. R. A. Harwood, Mrs. M. D. Condres, Mrs. J. R. Peck, Mrs. R. Caldwell, Mr. Simeon Farwell, Mrs. Sarah Stewart, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. G. D. Elderkin, Mrs. A. G. Button, Mrs. Martha B. Reynolds.

SOUTH-EAST INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. J. G. CHAFEE, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Indianapolis: Roberts Park, \$46.25; Fletcher Place, \$11.67; Central Avenue, \$15.75; Young Ladies' Society, \$20.98; Grace Church, \$7.00; Third Street, \$6.50; Connersville, \$20.00; Rushville, First Church, \$7.50; Young Ladies' Society, \$3.75; Greensburg, \$13.25; Shelbyville, \$25.45; Young Ladies' Society, \$15.80; Lawrenceburg, \$6.00. Total, \$199.90.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.—Fletcher Place, \$18.70 (to Scandinavian work in Utah); Connersville, \$5.90 (to Training School). Total, \$24.60.

Grand total, \$224.50.

Life Members.—Mrs. J. H. McConnell, Mrs. J. W. Smith.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

Mrs. S. ALEXANDER, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—St. Louis, Trinity Church, \$7.00; Cuba Charge, \$1.00; Perryville Charge, \$1.00; Water Tower, \$4.00. Total, \$13.00.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

—, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Vandalia, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

TROY CONFERENCE.

Mrs. E. W. SIMPSON, Secretary. Mrs. H. GRAHAM, Treasurer.

Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.

To Greensboro Home to be built by Troy Conference.—Troy Conference Collections, \$132.13.

TROY DISTRICT: Hoosick Falls, \$21.20; Troy: North Second Street, \$209.51; State Street, \$25.00; West Troy, Washington Street, \$10.00. Total, \$265.71.

ALBANY DISTRICT.—Albany, First Church, \$78.00; Ash Grove, \$70.30; Trinity, \$10.00; Grace, \$10.00; St. Luke's, \$3.00; Seward, \$19.50; Middleburg, \$7.00. Total, \$197.80.

SARATOGA DISTRICT.—Gloversville, First Church, \$295.00; Mission Band, \$105.00; Saratoga Springs, \$69.07; Schaghticoke, Mission Band, \$12.00; Quaker Springs, \$10.00. Total, \$491.07.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.—Argyle, \$4.30; Cambridge, 75c.; Glens Falls, \$48.00; Poultney, Vermont, Troy Conference Academy, \$37.10.

Total, \$90.15.

PLATTSBURG DISTRICT.—Plattsburg, \$1.60; Round Lake, \$42.00; "Little Busy Workers" Mission Band, \$5.00; Bennington, \$3.00; Fairhaven, \$10.00; Monkton, \$5.00; \$6.00 (no name reported).

Total, \$72.60.

Total to Greensboro Home, \$1,249.46.

Savannah Fund.—Gloversville, Mrs. James Kent, \$20.00; Pittsfield, Mass., Mrs. M. B. Taylor, \$200.00.

Total to Savannah Fund, \$220.00.

Utah Fund.—Gloversville, Mrs. R. T. Wade, \$250.00 (to build a home in Utah in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foote); Mrs. James Kent, \$10.00.

Total to Utah Fund, \$260.00.

Indian Fund.—Lansingburg, \$3.00.

Grand total, \$1,732.46.

Honorary Managers.—Mrs. M. B. Taylor, Mrs. E. W. Simpson.

Life Members.—Mrs. Hannah Burgess, Mrs. E. Green, Mrs. S. S. Strong, Mrs. H. H. Reed, Miss Jennie Bascom.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

MRS. ISABELLA HOWELLS, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Mt. Vernon, \$5.10; Mothers' Jewels, 60c.; Millican, \$1.55.

Total, \$7.25.

UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE.

MRS. COL. SPRINGER, Secretary. MRS. J. G. VAN NESS, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Hopkington, \$23.75; Fayette, \$18.75; Cedar Falls, \$14.50; Janesville, \$6.17; Vernon Prairie, \$8.25; Preston, \$7.25; Davenport, First Church, \$14.00; Maynoketa, \$12.00; Waterloo, Jefferson Street, \$2.00; Grace Church, \$3.25; Mason City, \$19.50; Centre Junction, \$5.04; Independence, \$13.00; Anamosa, \$21.00; Dubuque, \$41.85; Belle Plaine, \$4.25; Waverly, \$6.25; Iowa Falls, \$4.25; Monticello, \$11.71; Mt. Vernon, \$34.38; Miles, \$10.00; Red Oak, \$1.00; Marion, \$21.50; Dyersville, \$2.25; Unknown, \$3.00; Mitchell, Mrs. Dr. Brush, \$1.00; Mrs. Foster's Membership, \$1.00; Libertyville, Mother Hayden, \$1.00.

Total, \$311.90.

Special Fund.—Anamosa, \$38.00 (\$20.00 for Utah, \$10.00 for Pawnee Mission, \$8.00 for Greensboro Home).

Total, \$38.00.

Grand total, \$349.90.

Life Members.—In memoriam, Mrs. Olive P. Isbell by Myron Isbell, Mrs. J. G. Van Ness, Rev. Bishop Isbell, Mrs. F. E. Brush, Mrs. F. C. Wolfe, Rev. S. Knickerbocker, Rev. John Bowman.

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

MRS. J. P. FROST, Secretary. MISS LUCY W. GUERNSEY, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Vermont Conference Auxiliary, \$10.00; St. Johnsbury Centre, \$5.00; East Dover, \$4.00; Collection at Conference, held at Springfield, \$10.00; St. Johnsbury, District Auxiliary, \$25.35; Wilmington, \$5.00; East Poultney, Mrs. H. D. Wilcox, \$5.00; Montpelier, \$16.45; Plainfield, 75c.; Northfield, \$17.00; Mrs. O. L. Sherbourn, \$5.00; Hartland, \$5.75.

Total, \$109.30.

Special Fund.—Montpelier, \$14.10 (\$10.00 to Utah, \$4.10 to Savannah Fund); East Dover, \$5.00 (to Scandinavian Work in Utah); Randolph,

\$5.00 (to Scandinavian Work in Utah); *To Jacksonville Home*:—Vermont Conference, 75c.; Montpelier, \$3.00; Northfield, \$3.68; Claremont Union Camp, \$10.50; Barre, 50c.; Bradford, \$6.00; Brownsville, \$2.00 (the above \$26.43 to Jacksonville Home Florida); Mechanicsville, Mrs. W. W. Gills, \$10.00 (to Jacksonville Home). Total, \$50.53.

Grand total, \$159.83.

WYOMING CONFERENCE.

Mrs. E. S. TUPPER, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Bingham, Tabernacle Church, \$22.00; Centenary, \$8.50. Total, \$30.50.

Special Fund.—Tabernacle Church, Mother's Jewels, 70c; Wilkesbarre, Mrs. M. P. Bennett, \$600.00 (\$500.00 to Savannah Fund, \$100.00 to buy additional land at E. L. Rust Home). Total, \$600.70.

Grand total, \$631.20.

WEST NEBRASKA MISSION.

Mrs. ASBURY COLLINS, Secretary. Mrs. T. B. LEMON, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—North Platte, \$25.00; Loup City, \$3.00; Pleasant Valley, \$8.70; Indianolo, \$3.75; Plum Creek, \$2.00; Kearney, \$1.00; Riverton, \$5.00; Yale, \$5.27; Orleans, 50c.; Armada, 50c.; Stockville, 80c.; Plain Valley, \$1.00; Cedarville, \$1.75; Republican City, 50c; West Beaver, \$1.00; Cozad, \$1.00; North Loup, \$20.00. Total, \$80.77.

Life Members.—Mrs. T. B. Lemon, Mrs. Asbury Collins, Mrs. George W. Martin.

WEST GERMAN CONFERENCE.

Miss ANNIE FEIGENBAUM, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—St. Joseph, Mrs. Feigenbaum's Sunday-school Class Collections, \$25.00. Total, \$25.00.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Mrs. E. B. RUSSELL, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Asbury, \$12.00. Total, \$12.00.

Special Fund.—Washington, D. C., \$100.00 (to Indian Mission Work). Total, \$100.00.

Grand total, \$112.00.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.

Mrs. L. C. MATLACK, Secretary.

Special Fund.—Snow Hill, \$112.00 (to Savannah Fund); Snow Hill, \$2.75; Collections by Mrs. Robbins, \$20.00 (to Savannah Fund). Total, \$134.75.

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

— — —, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Neenah Collection, \$5.33; Neenah Auxiliary, \$10.00; Lake Mills, \$8.87; Oxfordville and Plymouth Charges, \$5.00. Total, \$29.20.

WEST WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

— — —, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Conference Collections, \$13.62. Total, \$13.62.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

MRS. C. A. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Goliad, \$4.00; Mrs. Richardson's Membership, \$1.00. Total, \$5.00.

OTHER SOURCES.

To General Fund.—Kendallville, Ind., "A Friend to Missions," \$3.00; Cave Spring, Ga., \$2.00; Newtown, Ky., \$1.00; Columbia River Conference, \$4.00; Montana Mission, \$7.00; St. Louis German Conference, \$20.00; Idaho, \$3.00; Puget Sound, \$8.50; Norwegian and Danish Conference, \$11.50; North Carolina Conference, \$2.00; Cambria, N. Y., Mrs. D. Clark, \$2.00; Lima, N. Y., Miss J. E. Daily, \$5.00; Miss Richardson by Mrs. Dunton, \$1.00; Mrs. A. Buell, \$10.00; Rentals of Property at Holly Springs, \$94.00; Ogden Mission Auxiliary, \$156.00. Total, \$330.00.

Special Fund.—Utah Educational Fund, \$63.45, transferred from Balance (to be appropriated to Scandinavian Work in Utah); to Dividends on Investments on Moneys loaned, \$61.18 (to Savannah Fund); Rentals from Green-house, "Gilbert Haven Home," \$33.33 (to Savannah Fund); Mrs. Daggett's Offerings, \$17.00 (to Haven Mission); Sunday-school Collections at Haven Mission, \$13.30 (to Haven Mission); Miss Baldwin's and Mrs. Lewis's Offerings, \$77.99 (to Haven Mission); Salt Lake City, Mr. P. A. H. Franklin, \$20.00 (to Savannah Fund.) Total, \$286.25.

Grand total, \$616.25.

Life Member.—Mrs. P. A. H. Franklin.

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS FOR GENERAL FUND.

Balance,	\$1,568 72
Baltimore Conference,	35 00
Cincinnati "	1,787 06
Central Ohio Conference,	523 49
Central New York Conference,	245 38
Central Pennsylvania Conference,	109 16
California "	56 70
Dakota "	11 00
Detroit "	2,216 27
East Ohio "	767 12
Erie "	975 42
Florida "	61 23
Genesee "	42 65
Holston "	1 15
Illinois "	11 00
Iowa "	36 47
Indiana "	6 60
Kentucky "	22 00
Kansas "	32 42
North-west Kansas "	5 00
South-west Kansas "	43 07
South Kansas "	19 60
Little Rock "	41 40
Louisiana "	50 15
Maine "	36 00

Michigan Conference,	\$464 82
North Ohio Conference,	527 46
North Indiana Conference,	12 25
North-west Indiana Conference,	276 07
New York "	256 37
Northern New York "	85 05
New York East "	90 03
New England "	868 31
Newark "	266 60
North-west Iowa "	100 00
New Jersey "	108 19
North Nebraska "	44 36
North-west German "	21 65
New Mexico Mission "	2 00
Ohio "	394 80
Oregon "	16 30
Philadelphia "	533 97
Pittsburg "	155 00
Rock River "	500 00
South-east Indiana "	199 90
St. Louis "	13 00
Southern Illinois "	5 00
Texas "	7 25
Upper Iowa "	311 90
Vermont "	109 30
Wyoming "	30 50
West Nebraska "	80 77
West German "	25 00
Washington "	12 00
Wisconsin "	29 20
West Wisconsin "	13 62
West Texas "	5 00
Other Sources,	330 00
Interest on Bequest,	69 90
Advertisements,	300 00
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	\$14,969 63
	*1,523 17
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	\$16,492 80

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to Missionaries in the Southern States,	\$4,167 85
" " in Utah,	1,686 62
" Missionary in Indian Territory,	208 34
" Miss Betts, Missionary Helper and Organizer,	491 05
" Frontier Work in Michigan, through Detroit Conference,	2,176 27
" " " " " Michigan Conference,	464 82
" Pennsylvania Mining District,	57 82
" Frontier Work in Kansas, Nebraska, and Tennessee,	85 00
" Balance on Elizabeth L. Rust Home,	1,643 34
" Industrial Home at Orangeburg,	49 95
" Furnishing School-room at Gilbert Haven Home,	221 58
" Secretary of Bureau of Organization, Salary,	833 40
" " " " " Traveling expenses,	563 31

*This amount has been borrowed to meet the current needs of the Society from the Special Fund.

Paid to Repairs of Home, and incidental expenses of Work at	
Pawnee Agency,	\$246 66
Furnishing, and incidental expenses of Adeline Smith	
Home,	264 75
Ogden School, Furnishing,	156 00
Printing Annual Report, Leaflets, Tracts, Blanks, and	
Literature,	1,397 44
*Conference Secretaries, and "Helpers" in the Work of	
organizing,	789 79
Expenses of Postage, Stationery, Telegraphing, Shipping	
of Boxes and Reports,	422 16
Clerical Work,	168 55
Mite Boxes,	260 60
Insurance on Boarding Hall, Salt Lake City,	62 50
Incidental Expenses in Small Bills, as shown by Receipts,	75 00
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	\$16,492 80

RECEIPTS FOR BENEFICIARY FUND.

Balance,	\$134 13
Cincinnati Conference,	180 75
Central New York Conference,	25 00
Central Illinois "	47 25
East Ohio "	62 50
Erie "	148 10
Genesee "	60 00
Illinois "	6 66
Maine "	50 00
North Ohio "	46 36
New York "	54 96
New York East "	10 00
New England "	386 00
New England Southern Conference,	30 00
Newark "	30 00
Ohio "	20 00
Philadelphia "	80 00
Rock River "	375 00
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	\$1,746 71
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	\$1,754 51

EXPENDITURES.

SCHOLARSHIPS—To Students in Clark University,	\$583 00
" " Clafin "	333 51
" " Gilbert Haven Home,	599 00
" " Rust University,	75 00
" " Matthew Simpson Home,	25 75
" " Little Rock University,	73 25
" " Bennett Seminary,	50 00
" " Indian Reserve,	15 00
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	\$1,754 51

* When Auxiliaries or Conferences have raised a "Contingent Fund" for the work of organizing, credit is given them in the General Fund, and the expenses incurred in organizing are paid from the General Fund.

† This amount has been borrowed from Special Fund.

SPECIAL FUND.

To be used in the Extension of the Work as requested by Donors.

Balance,	\$3,152 17
Cincinnati Conference,	1,802 40
Central Ohio "	820 30
Central New York Conference,	349 85
Central Pennsylvania "	12 30
Central Illinois "	2 00
California "	190 50
Detroit "	40 00
East Ohio "	425 32
Erie "	414 80
Florida "	20 00
Illinois "	31 50
Iowa "	6 50
Kentucky "	318 95
Michigan "	4 00
Mississippi "	111 00
North Ohio "	527 00
North Indiana "	120 00
North-west Indiana "	9 00
New York "	51 00
Northern New York "	10 00
New York East "	300 00
New England "	702 50
New England Southern "	282 87
New Hampshire "	359 11
Newark "	1,697 37
New Jersey "	5 00
North Carolina "	100 00
New Mexico "	2 50
Ohio "	355 00
Philadelphia "	1,077 40
Pittsburg "	110 00
Rock River "	410 48
South-east Indiana "	24 60
Troy "	1,732 46
Upper Iowa "	38 00
Vermont "	50 53
Wyoming "	600 70
Washington "	100 00
Wilmington "	134 75
Other sources,	286 25

\$16,788 11

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to Savannah Building <i>on purchase</i> ,	\$2,000 00
" Remodeling as by contract,	2,087 29
" Furnishing, Insurance, Mortgage Note, Interest, Taxes,	1,683 26
" Finishing Room in Third Story, Fence, and Incidentals,	735 69
" Greensboro Home—Purchase of Land, Architect's Bill,	
" Balance on Building,	527 50
" Scandinavian Work in Utah,	2,267 34
" Elizabeth L. Rust Home, Fence, Cistern, and Furnishing	715 97
" " " Addit'l Land to first purchase,	200 00
" Matthew Simpson Home, on Building,	300 00
" Special Frontier Work in Kentucky Conference	100 95

Paid to Mrs. E. E. Marcy for Training-school Fund,	\$200 00
“ Haven Home Mission,	284 29
“ Adeline Smith Home, Special Donation,	42 50
“ Mothers' Jewels,	12 00
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	\$11,156 79
Balance to next year, in Special Fund,	5,631 32
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	\$16,788 11

Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. Jennie F. Willing, and Mrs. S. M. Thomson, during the year, visited Utah in the interest of the Woman's Home Missionary Society—presenting *no bills for payment, thus donating* several hundred dollars to the Society.

The general officers of the Society each year have paid their own expenses to Annual Meeting, thus relieving the treasury from the payment of quite a sum of money.

GENERAL CASH ACCOUNT.

November 1, 1885.

BALANCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR—

In General Fund,	\$1,568 72
“ Beneficiary Fund,	134 13
“ Special Extension Fund,	3,152 17
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	\$4,855 02

RECEIVED DURING THIS YEAR—

General Fund,	\$13,400 90
“ “ Deficit,	*1,523 17
Beneficiary Fund,	1,612 58
“ “ Deficit,	*7 80
Special Fund,	13,635 94
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	30,180 39
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	\$35,035 41

PAID DURING THE YEAR—

General Fund,	\$16,492 80
Beneficiary Fund,	1,754 50
Special Extension Fund,	11,156 79
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BALANCE TO NEXT YEAR—

Special Extension Fund,	5,631 32
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	\$35,035 41

I have made a careful examination of the receipts and disbursements of the Treasurer, and find that she has promptly disbursed all moneys coming into her hands. She has produced vouchers for all disbursements, which have been canceled by me.

MRS. F. S. HOYT, Auditor.

*This amount has been borrowed from Special Fund.

HONORARY PATRONS, MANAGERS, AND LIFE MEMBERS.

HONORARY PATRONS.

Constituted by the payment of Three Hundred Dollars or more at one time.

Mrs. M. P. Bennett,	Mrs. R. W. P. Goff,	Mrs. R. S. Rust,
Mr. W. E. Blackstone,	" L. B. Gurley,	" A. M. Smith,
Mrs. W. E. Blackstone,	" R. B. Hayes,	" Fannie Speed,
" Minnie Budlong,	Rev. A. G. Haygood,	" A. D. Sargeant,*
" A. De Groot,	Mrs. James Kent,	Mr. J. L. Whetstone,
Rev. S. W. Edmiston,	" J. F. Knapp,	Mrs. J. L. Whetstone,
Mr. E. H. Gammon,	" G. E. Palen,	" A. L. L. Young;*
Mrs. E. H. Gammon,	Rev. R. S. Rust,	Miss Hattie Young.
Mr. R. W. P. Goff,		

Constituted on account of valuable services rendered.

Mrs. A. R. Clark,	Mrs. F. S. Hoyt,	Mrs. Chas. F. Springer.
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Mrs. F. A. Aiken,	Mrs. R. W. P. Goff,	Mrs. T. H. Pearne,
" Hannah Barber,	Rev. John F. Goucher,	Miss Kate S. Phillips,
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" W. E. Blackstone,	" T. M. Griffith,	" E. E. Royer,
" W. L. Boswell,	Mrs. L. B. Gurley.	" James Scott,
" M. A. Bowen,	" J. P. Hanna,	Mr. John Simpkinson,
" A. M. Brush,	Bishop W. L. Harris,	Mrs. John Simpkinson,
" M. T. Carey,	Mrs. Julia F. Hedges,	Bishop M. Simpson,*
" A. R. Clark,	Miss C. F. Hedges,	Mrs. A. M. Smith,
" S. B. Conant,	Dr. C. G. Hussey,	" Rosa B. Steele,
" J. B. Cory,	Mrs. W. Kerchoff,	" H. J. Straight,
" Geo. P. Fox,	Mrs. N. G. Ladd,	" M. B. Taylor,
" C. V. Culver,	Miss M. Lownes,	" W. F. Thorne,
" John Davis,	Mrs. H. C. McCabe,	" A. C. Tuttle,
" Eliz. L. Dow,	Rev. C. C. McCabe,	" Mary C. Waitt,
" M. L. Dunton,	Mrs. H. P. Mann,	" C. S. Weatherby,
" Simeon Farwell,	" J. H. Mansfield,	Bishop I. W. Wiley,*
" A. C. Fellows,	" E. E. Marcy,	Mrs. I. W. Wiley,
" C. D. Firestone,	" Isaac Newhall,	" W. G. Williams,
" S. M. Goodall,	" G. E. Palen,	" J. F. Willing.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Constituted by the payment of Twenty Dollars at one time.

Mr. J. C. Adams,	Mrs. N. C. Alger,	Miss O. C. Baker,
Mrs. F. A. Aiken,	" W. M. Ampt,	Mrs. L. E. Baldwin,
" John Alimony,	" Elmira Arnold,	" Jane Banks,
Miss C. E. Alimony,	Mr. M. P. Author,	" A. C. Barnes,
Mrs. N. S. Albright,	Mrs. E. J. L. Baker,	" Jennie Bascom,
" W. J. Aldrich,	" Bishop Baker,	" Hannah Barber,

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Miss Louise Bassett,	Mrs. J. B. Cory,	Mrs. John Gates,
Mrs. Ruth Bates,	Judge D. G. Cory,	" D. W. Gates,
Rev. J. H. Bayliss,	Mrs. D. G. Cory,	" Z. Getchell,
Mrs. J. H. Bayliss,	" Samuel Cox,	" Eliza C. Gibson,
" W. H. Beach,	" Lemuel Cox,	" A. H. Gillet,
" A. P. Beach,	" Lawrence Cox,	" William Glenn,
Mr. Junius E. Beal,	" G. P. Cox,	Mr. M. H. Godfrey,
Mrs. Robert Beebe,	" Cribben,	Mrs. Charles Goodall,
" S. L. Beiler,	" R. Crosley,	Rev. W. Graham,
" John Benedict,	" C. V. Culver,	Mrs. H. Graham,
Miss Mary Benedict,	" L. H. Daggett,	" H. C. Gratan,
Mrs. E. H. Besse,	" John A. Dale,	Rev. B. Green,
" Geo. G. Birrell,	" Jos. K. Dale,	Mrs. Mary Green,
" John Blanchard,	" S. B. Darnell,	" R. S. Green,
" M. N. Bliss,	" Frances E. Davis,	" S. Green,
" G. J. Bliss,	Dr. John Davis,	" E. Green,
Mr. C. Booth,	Mrs. John Davis,	" L. A. Hagans,
Mrs. J. I. Boswell,	" W. Z. Davis,	" M. B. Hagans,
" C. G. Boughton,	" James Davis,	" B. F. Ham,
Bishop T. Bowman,	" Jane S. Dawson,	" Hardy,
Rev. John Bowman,	" Mary A. Day,	" N. W. Harris,
Mr. W. H. Brace,	" M. DeCondres,	" Bishop Harris,
Mrs. J. S. Broadwell,*	" A. H. De Haven,	Rev. R. M. Hatfield,
" W. N. Brodbeck,	" H. C. Doinkle,	Mrs. R. M. Hatfield,
" E. A. Breckenridge,	" L. L. Dond,	" R. A. Harwood,
Master G. Savage Brooks	" Dr. Dunham,	Miss Hannah B. Haven,
Mrs. M. McC. Brown,	" L. M. Duntun,	Mrs. Gilbert Haven,*
" Wm. Brush,	" Fannie Hoyt Dyer,	" E. E. Hawkins,
" F. E. Brush,	" Richard Dymond,	" Lucy W. Hayes,
Rev. J. M. Buckley,	Chaplain Earnshaw,*	" H. C. Hedges,
Mrs. Hannah Burgess,	Mrs. J. Eddy,	Rev. T. F. Hildreth,
" E. G. Burgess,	" Lydia Eggleston,	Mrs. T. F. Hildreth,
" James Burns,	" David H. Ela,	" Col. Hinman,
" J. W. Bushong,	" G. D. Elderkin,	" J. B. Hobbs,
Master Wiley Bushong,	" Rebecca Elmendorf	" H. E. Holtzinger,
Mrs. A. J. Butler,	Miss Mary M. Elmendorf	" S. B. Holway,
" A. G. Button,	Mrs. E. S. Emerson,	" Susan Hopper,
" M. M. Callen,	" S. C. Farrer,	" A. A. Horton,
" R. Caldwell,	Mr. Simeon Farwell,*	" A. H. Housinger,
" W. J. Campbell,	Mrs. Simeon Farwell,	" Emily J. Housinger,
" Martha Carpenter,	Rev. W. I. Fee,	Miss Eleanor Howard,
" Nancy Carpenter,	Mrs. W. I. Fee,	Rev. F. S. Hoyt,
Master Carl C. Castle,	" Pamela Felt,	Mrs. F. S. Hoyt,
Mrs. Geo. S. Chadbourne	" L. P. Ferguson,	Miss M. A. Hubbard,
" G. E. Chapman,	" C. D. Firestone,	Mrs. Emma Hubbell,
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Mrs. Cyrus Clark,	Mr. J. D. Flint,	Mrs. W. A. Ingham,
" M. E. Clark,	Mrs. J. D. Flint,	Rev. Bishop Isbell,
" A. R. Clark,	Mr. Charles S. Foote,	Mrs. Ohio P. Isbell,*
" Rachel Clemson,	" John C. Foote,	" William Jeffers,
" Mary Cocker,	Mrs. J. B. Foraker,	" H. M. Johnson,
" Charles Coffin,	" Geo. W. Foster,	" G. P. Jolly,
" G. W. Coleman,	" P. A. H. Franklin,	" L. D. Jones,
" Asbury Collins,	" George Fox,	" T. F. Joy,
" L. N. Connelly,	" French,	Rev. I. W. Joyce,
Rev. V. A. Cooper,	Mr. James H. Frey,	Mrs. I. W. Joyce,
Mrs. V. A. Cooper,	Mrs. Maria Gainsey,	Mr. D. B. Judkins,

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Miss H. A. Keatley,	Mrs. Prof. Morse,	" F. Schumaker,
" Sarah Keeley,	Mr. Dudley Morse,	" J. D. Scofield,
Mrs. R. F. Keeler,	Mrs. Dudley Morse,	Mr. D. C. Scofield,
" J. H. Keeley,	" A. F. Munroe,	" Charles Scott,
" N. M. Kennedy,	Miss Marie Nast,	Mrs. James Scott,
Mr. James Kent,	Mrs. Isaac Newhall,	" Mary D. Sells,
Mrs. James Kent,	" A. F. Newman,	" Jane E. Shadd,
Rev. S. Kimcherbocken,	Miss Julia A. Orum,	" F. W. Shaffer,
Mrs. James B. Kirk,	Mrs. John Owen,	" W. B. Shattuc,
Dr. N. G. Ladd,*	" S. C. Painter,	" Reuben Sherwood,
Mrs. N. G. Ladd,	Rev. W. H. Painter,	" J. B. Shessler,
" Josephine Ladd,	Mrs. W. H. Painter,	" Amos Shinkle,
Miss Eliz. H. Lakeman,	" John Patterson,	" Elizabeth Shunks,
Mrs. Bidwell Lane,	Bishop Payne,	" John Simpkinson,
" E. B. Lane,	Mrs. C. H. Payne,	" E. W. Simpson,
" J. F. Larkin,	" W. W. Peabody,	Miss Belle Smith,
Miss Nellie Larkin,	" Bishop Peck,	" Mary Smith,
" L. Lasley,	" Richard Peck,	Mrs. Hattie H. Smith,
Rev. T. J. Leak,	" J. R. Peck,	" J. W. Smith,
Mrs. T. J. Leak,	" Louisa Peirce,	Mr. Edward Smith,
" T. B. Lemon,	" R. M. Pelton,	" Martin S. Smith,
Miss Eva Lemon,	" John Perkins,	Mrs. H. F. Spencer,
Mrs. A. B. Leonard,	Mr. Noah Perrin,	" Chas. F. Springer,
" Li Long Hi,	Mrs. Noah Perrin,	" C. B. Squire,
" A. Lindley,	Mr. O. G. Peters,	" T. W. Stanley,
" E. L. Lindley,	Mrs. O. G. Peters,	" Dora J. Stanton,
" James Long,	" G. M. Peters,	" D. J. Starr,
" Anna B. Lownes,	" Ceoring Peters,	" Mary F. Steadman,
Rev. John Loyd,	" Wm. Phelps,	" Sarah Stewart,
Mrs. Samuel Lynch,	Captain Phillips,	" W. F. Stewart,
" L. D. McCabe,	Mrs. W. H. Poole,	" Mother" Stewart,
Rev. C. C. McCabe,	" R. B. Pope,	Mrs. S. Stone,
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" J. H. McConnell,	" M. Raymond,	" N. B. Stowe,
" J. H. McGowan,	Rev. J. J. Reed,	" L. A. Stowell,
" F. S. McKean,	Mrs. J. J. Reed,	" S. S. Strong,
" D. B. McKenzie,	" H. H. Reed,	Miss Mary Sudler,
" Minnie S. McNeal,	" Richard Reynolds,	Mrs. G. O. Swartz,
" J. H. Mansfield,	" M. Cogley Reynolds,	" F. S. Tarbell,
Dr. Oliver Marcy,	" M. B. Reynolds,	" M. B. Taylor,
Mrs. E. E. Marcy,	" L. D. Reynolds,	" S. T. H. Thayer,
" S. P. Marsh,	" Margaret Rhea,	" W. F. Thirkield,
" E. P. Marshall,	Miss C. A. Richardson,	" N. W. Thomas,
" J. B. Martin,	Mrs. A. Riddle,*	" E. R. Thompson,
" Geo. W. Martin,	" P. Rising,	Miss Alice Thompson,
" E. Meharry,	" Hannah Roberts,	Mrs. S. W. Thomson,
" Henry Menayo,	" W. A. Robinson,	" W. F. Thorne,
" Lewis Meredith,	" S. O. Robinson,	Miss Cora Thorne,
" Meredith,	" W. M. Roll,	" Lizzie Thorne,
" H. A. Mikels,	" F. A. Root,	Mrs. Joseph Toynton,
" M. Miller,	" S. O. Royal,	" Geo. E. Treadwell,
" Sarah Miller,	Rev. R. S. Rust,	" Trennemen,
" F. G. Mitchell,	Mrs. R. S. Rust,	Miss Lillie B. Turner,
" M. B. Mitchell,	" R. H. Rust,	" Julia E. Tyler,
" Mix,	" Mary D. Santley,	" Mary D. Upham,
Miss Maggie Monks,	" Edward Sargeant,	" M. Van Marter,
Mrs. Thomas Morgan,	" A. D. Sargeant,*	Mrs. I. G. Van Ness,

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Mrs. S. M. Vernon,
 Rev. R. T. Wade,
 Mrs. R. T. Wade,
 " Mary C. Waitt,
 " J. M. Walden,
 " G. W. Walker,
 " John Walker,
 " T. P. Warner,
 " R. M. Warren,
 Bishop H. W. Warren,
 Mrs. Waterman,
 " W. G. Waters,

Mrs. G. T. Weaver,
 Mr. Augustus Wessel,
 Mrs. Augustus Wessel,
 " Rosa A. West,
 Hon. George West,
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 " Calvin Whitney,
 Rev. W. A. Wicker,
 Bishop I. W. Wiley,*
 Mrs. I. W. Wiley,
 " J. L. Willard,

Mrs. Hester Williams,
 " W. G. Williams,
 " T. M. Williams,
 Rev. John Williamson,
 Miss Susie Wilson,
 Mrs. S. A. Wilson,
 " S. Winston,
 " F. Wolfe,
 " Abbie Woods,
 " L. F. Yader,
 " W. A. Yingling,
 " M. A. Zimmerman.

ACTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1884

RELATING TO THE

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

"SEC. 1. For the more successful prosecution of the missionary work of the Church among women in our own country there shall be an organization known as the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be governed and regulated by their Constitution, which may be altered or amended by the General Conference as the necessities of the work may require.

"SEC. 2. This Society shall work in harmony with, and under the supervision of, the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"SEC. 3. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our Church services, nor in any promiscuous public meeting, nor in any Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday-schools for the Treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the amount so collected shall be reported by the preacher in charge to the Annual Conference, and be entered in a column among the benevolent collections in the Annual and General Minutes."

When this report was under consideration by the General Conference, the following amendment was offered, and adopted:

"Resolved, That Section 3, of this paragraph, concerning Woman's Missionary Societies, shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the ladies from taking collections in ladies' meetings convened in the interest of their Societies, nor from securing memberships, life memberships, etc., in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals or managing lectures in the interest of their work."

By this action the Woman's Home Missionary Society was given official recognition among the connectional societies of the Church. Its plans are made, and its funds are appropriated by its General Board of Managers, meeting annually, which action is to be submitted to the Missionary Society for approval.

*Deceased.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Woman's Home Missionary Society
OF THE
Methodist Episcopal Church.

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1884.

ARTICLE I.—Name.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE II.—Objects.

The aim of this Society shall be to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the needy and destitute women and children of all sections of our country without distinction of race, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Church in educational and missionary work.

ARTICLE III.—Organization.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, five Vice-presidents, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and twelve Resident Managers, who, together, shall constitute the General Executive Board, and reside in, or not remote from, the city of Cincinnati.

SEC. 2. The annual meetings of the Board of Managers shall be held in the city of Cincinnati, unless otherwise provided, and shall consist of the General Executive Board, together with the Corresponding Secretary and one delegate from each Conference.

SEC. 3. The work of the Annual Session shall be:

(1.) To elect the General Executive Board for the ensuing year.

(2.) To take into consideration the demands of the entire work of the Society, designating fields of labor, examining the reports of missionaries already employed, and selecting beneficiaries; to estimate the needs of the mission fields, determine the amounts to be raised, and to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; to appropriate its receipts in accordance with the purposes and methods herein indicated; to arrange with the several Conference Secretaries the work to be undertaken by each Conference, and, until such time as the conference organizations are complete, to appoint a suitable person to fill the place of Corresponding Secretary of the conference work in the several Conferences.

(3.) To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand; provided all its plans and directions shall be in harmony with this Constitution.

SEC. 4. In the event of a vacancy in the General Executive Board occurring *ad interim*, the place shall be filled by the Executive Board.

SEC. 5. The General Executive Board shall meet quarterly, or oftener, at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, and seven shall constitute a quorum to do business.

SEC. 6. The duties of the General Executive Board shall be:

(1.) To execute all orders of the Board of Managers.

(2.) To determine all matters referred to them by the Board.

(3.) To administer all the affairs of the Society between the annual sessions of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 7. The duties of the President, Vice-presidents, and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

SEC. 8. The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to make herself acquainted with the needs and opportunities of the mission field, to correspond with missionaries and with the Conference Secretaries, and to furnish the Conference Boards with all needful information; also to secure from them the details of their work, which will be necessary to make quarterly reports to the Executive Board and annual reports to the Board of Managers concerning the condition and needs of the mission field, and publish the same for the information of the membership.

SEC. 9. The treasurer shall keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society, report the state of the funds at the annual meeting and at each regular meeting of the Executive Board, pay only such bills as it shall direct, each order being signed by the President and Recording Secretary, and she shall make such disposition of the funds in her hands as the Executive Board may approve. At the close of the year the accounts shall be audited by a competent person selected for the purpose.

ARTICLE IV.—Conference Organization.

SECTION 1. A Conference Society shall consist of all the Auxiliary Societies in a given Conference, together with a Conference Executive Board. It shall take the name of the Conference in which it is located.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Conference Society shall be a President, one Vice-president, and one or more Managers from each presiding elder's district, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer (the Corresponding Secretary may also be the Treasurer). These officers shall constitute the Executive Board of the Conference Society for the administration of the affairs of the Society, and five shall constitute a quorum. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, and hold office till others are chosen.

SEC. 3. The duties of the Executive Board shall be:

To co-operate in plans for the permanent establishment of the Society within the Conference bounds; to provide for an Annual Meeting and arrange anniversary exercises; and to transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided its action is in harmony with this Constitution.

SEC. 4. (1.) The duties of the President and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually appertain to their respective offices, and to co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary, Vice-Presidents, Managers, and Treasurer in organizing and conducting the work.

(2.) The duties of the Vice-presidents and Managers shall be to organize Auxiliaries in their respective districts, and by all proper means to awaken missionary interest and zeal.

(3.) The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to attend the session of the Annual Conference; to endeavor to interest ministers and ladies in the work of the Society; to organize Auxiliary Societies in the various charges in the Conference, and, as soon as practicable, to effect a Conference organization in harmony with the Constitution; to conduct the correspondence of the Society with the General Executive Board, with Auxiliary Societies within the Conference, with such missionaries in the field and beneficiaries in the schools as are supported by the Conference; to forward quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Executive Board a full statement of the work of the Conference Society, and to present an annual report to the Board of Managers at the Annual Meeting.

(4.) The duty of the Treasurer, who may also be Corresponding Secretary, shall be to receive and forward all funds of the Society monthly, keeping a book account, and to make a quarterly report of the same to the Treasurer of the General Executive Board.

SEC. 5.—Special Work.—Individuals, Auxiliaries, or Conference Societies may, subject to the approval of the Conference Board and of the General Executive Board, select special fields of labor, and provide for the support of missionaries therein employed, and they may also educate beneficiaries selected by themselves.

ARTICLE V.—Auxiliary Societies.

SECTION 1. Ten or more women who shall organize under the Constitution and By-laws for Auxiliaries, and pay their annual dues, thereby become a Society auxiliary to the Conference Society, and are entitled to one delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Conference Board. And the pastor shall report the collections of this Society at the Annual Conference.

SEC. 2. Auxiliary Societies, or local Committees, when there is no Conference Society yet established, shall report to the Conference Secretary appointed by the General Executive Board. When there is no Secretary in the Conference within the territorial bounds of which they are, they shall report to the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the General Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI.—Membership.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

ARTICLE VII.—Relations to Other Branches of Church Work.

SECTION 1. This Society will engage exclusively in missionary labor in our own land, and it will work in harmony with the connectional societies of the Church.

a. The appointment, employment, and remuneration of its missionaries shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

b. The fields of labor and the general plans and designs of work of this Society shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

c. All the missionaries supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society, and if in a mission, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in that particular mission.

SEC. 2. The funds of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall not be raised by collections, nor by subscriptions taken during any regular Church service, nor in Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by securing members, life members, honorary members, managers, and patrons, and by such other methods as in the judgment of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will not interfere with the collections and contributions for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amount so collected shall be reported by the preacher-in-charge to the Annual Conference, and then entered in a column among the benevolent collections, and in the annual and general Minutes.

SEC. 3. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall act as the Trustee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in all matters of legacies, and in holding for them real estate or other trusts, as the Woman's Home Missionary Society may desire.

SEC. 4. The annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which determines its work for the year, shall be so arranged that its plans may be submitted to the authorities of the Missionary Society for approval, at their annual meeting in November.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution may be changed by the General Conference. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed at any Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers by a two-thirds vote of the members present, a three months' notice of the proposed change having been sent to each conference organization, and published in the Church papers.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.

ANNUAL MEETING.

1. The Chairman and the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries of the General Executive Board shall fix the time and place of the Annual Meeting, unless this has been done at a previous Annual Meeting.

2. A committee of five, appointed by the Executive Board, shall prepare a program of exercises, and an order of business for the Annual Meeting. They shall see that the time and place of meeting are announced in all the Church papers.

3. The Committee on Nomination of Officers for the Society shall consist of seven members, three of whom shall be members of the General Executive Board. The officers shall be elected by ballot.

4. The Committee on Finance and Mission Fields shall consist of the President of the Society and the Chairman of the Executive Board, the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer, together with the Conference Secretaries present at any Annual Meeting, and five other persons chosen by the Annual Meeting.

II.

BUREAUS.

1. Our mission fields and departments of work shall be placed in charge of Bureaus, each consisting of a Secretary and Assistants.

2. Each Bureau shall have the entire responsibility, in its own field, of executing all the plans and applying all the funds as ordered by the Annual Meeting or by the General Executive Board.

3. The Secretary of each Bureau shall secure quarterly reports from each member of her Bureau, and make a detailed report to the General Executive Board. She shall also submit a statement of work and funds required for the coming quarter. All reports from the Secretaries of Bureaus shall be passed to the Recording Secretary for an abstract for publication, and by her passed to the Corresponding Secretary for reference and custody.

4. The Bureaus shall be: (1) Organization; (2) East Southern States; (3) Middle Southern States; (4) West Southern States; (5) New Mexico

and Arizona; (6) Mormons; (7) Indians; (8) Chinese; (9) Alaska; (10) Mission Supplies; (11) Local Missionary Work.

5. The Bureau of Organization shall consist of its own Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, the Corresponding Secretaries of Conferences, and the Conference Managers who are District Secretaries.

6. The duty of the Secretary of the Bureau of Organization shall be to represent the Society in the unorganized Conferences, and to co-operate with the officers of the Conference Societies for its more thorough organization throughout the Church. She shall have a seat and vote in the General Executive Board, shall report monthly to the Board, and shall work under its general direction.

7. The Bureau of the East Southern States shall consist of its Secretary, and two or more ladies for each of these States: Georgia and Florida.

8. The Bureau of the Middle Southern States shall consist of its Secretary, and two or more ladies for each of the following States: North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

9. The Bureau of the West Southern States shall consist of its Secretary, and two or more ladies for each of the following States: Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

10. As fast as work develops in other Southern States they shall be placed in their appropriate Bureaus.

11. The Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona, the Mormons, the Indians, the Chinese, and Alaska shall each consist of its Secretary and three or more ladies.

12. The Bureau of Mission Supplies shall consist of its Secretary, and three ladies at head-quarters, and the Conference Corresponding Secretaries of each Conference.

13. The Bureau of Local Missionary Work shall consist of a Secretary, and such assistants as she shall from time to time deem necessary.

14. The work of this Bureau shall comprise the supervision of mission work in our large cities and towns, as inaugurated or carried forward by our auxiliaries in harmony with the local Church authorities, pastors, and official Boards; the support of Industrial Schools for instruction in religion, morals, temperance, and the elementary industries; and the employment of Bible readers for general missionary work among neglected women and children.

15. Local missionary work for which credit of money expended is given, shall be entered upon only with the approval of the General Executive Board, after a formal application for permission to undertake such work through the Secretary of the Bureau of Local Missionary Work.

16. All persons employed as missionaries in these fields shall be subject to all the rules relating to testimonials as to fitness, and to furnishing reports of work, that are applicable to missionaries in our other fields.

17. The funds used for the support of this city work shall be raised for that special purpose, and by such methods as shall not diminish the amount that would otherwise be contributed to the general treasury.

18. Funds so raised and used, if reported in the regular way with vouchers, shall be credited to auxiliaries under the head of "Local Missionary Work."

19. The Bureau of Mission Supplies shall, so far as possible, supply the needs of these local fields through the authorized channels of communication.

20. All Secretaries of Bureaus not otherwise provided for shall be nominated by the General Executive Board, and confirmed by the Board of Managers.

21. The Secretaries of Bureaus may nominate the members of their Bureaus, who shall be elected by the General Executive Board.

III.

FINANCE.

1. The fiscal year of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall end the 15th of October.

2. **Auxiliary Societies.**—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports, as specified in By-laws for Auxiliaries, 4 and 5, December 15th, March 15th, June 15th, and September 15th.

3. **Conference Societies.**—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports as prescribed in the Constitution, Article IV., Sections 3 and 4, January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, and October 15th.

4. **General Executive Board.**—The Corresponding Secretary shall furnish the reports specified in the Constitution, Article III, Section 8, as soon as possible after the 15th of January, April, July, and October.

5. All moneys raised for the Society must be sent by the auxiliaries to the Conference Treasurer, and thence forwarded to the general Treasurer. Moneys to be expended for missionary supplies for frontier or Southern work, must, in all cases, be raised as a special fund for such work.

6. Moneys shall not be collected by the employees of the Society, for any special purpose, unless such collection is authorized by the Board, and the purpose approved; and moneys so collected shall be paid into the general Treasury, and be regularly appropriated therefrom.

7. All missionaries, superintendents of Industrial Schools, and teachers, in the employ of the Society, shall present to the Board, through the Corresponding Secretary (not later than October 10th of each year), carefully prepared estimates for their work for the coming year.

8. With a view to protect this Society against any embarrassments that might possibly grow out of unauthorized engagements or pledges in respect to the funds or the operations of the Society, it is hereby ordered:

(1.) That no officer of the Society no Auxiliary or Conference Society shall contract for the purchase of property, or undertake any special work (other than local work within its own territory) without the approval of the General Executive Board of this Society, expressed in writing and duly certified by the signatures of the Chairman and the Recording Secretary of said Board.

(2.) That if the special work proposed to be undertaken shall be the erection of a building or buildings, whether for religious, benevolent, or educational purposes, the erection of the same shall not be begun nor contracted for until the money that will be required for the completion thereof shall have been paid into the general treasury of this Society or fully provided for, nor until the erection of the said building or buildings, and all the plans and contracts relating to the same, shall have been approved by the General Executive Board of this Society in the manner specified in the foregoing paragraph.

IV.

BUILDINGS AND CARE OF HOMES AND SCHOOLS.

1. The erection of all buildings for Home and school work shall be under the care of a special committee appointed by the bureau having charge of the work. This committee shall determine the site, select the plan, let the contract, supervise the erection and accept the work, subject to the approval of the General Executive Board.

2. The furnishing of Industrial Homes and schools shall be plain, simple, and economical, and as carefully adapted to circumstances as possible. The purchases shall be made under the direction of the Bureau in charge, and the property shall belong to the Society. It shall be carefully marked, and at the end of each year an inventory of property, and a state-

ment of its condition, shall be furnished to the Board by the Superintendent of the Home.

3. Each Industrial Home shall be under the care of a Superintendent, who, together with the teachers of the school, shall be elected, employed, and paid by the General Executive Board.

4. All the employes of the Board shall make, directly, or through their superintendents, as they shall be instructed, monthly reports of their work, as per blank provided, sending one copy to the Corresponding Secretary and another to the Secretary of the Bureau in charge of the field.

5. Since the conversion and spiritual growth of those for whom we labor is the object of all our work, all our instructors are required to labor diligently and methodically to that end, through family worship, school instruction, personal appeal, and social means of grace, endeavoring at all times to develop sound and strong Christian character.

6. Pupils of all ages may be admitted to our Industrial Schools. It shall be the aim in these schools to provide: (1.) Such social and moral training as shall tend to make good neighbors and good citizens; (2.) When necessary; the rudiments of education—reading, writing, and keeping simple accounts; (3.) Such domestic instruction as shall fit girls to care for a house, and prepare plain meals properly and economically; (4.) Instruction in dress-making and cutting, making, and mending the plain garments of ordinary wearing apparel; (5.) Tuition in nursing—the care of the sick; (6.) Kindergarten training; (7.) Instruction in the cultivation of vegetables, fruits, and flowers.

7. It shall be our aim to provide a library for each Industrial Home and school, to which pupils may have daily access.

8. It shall be our aim to give special advantages to pupils who develop special talents, and thus assist them to become self-supporting.

V.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

1. There shall be a committee of three appointed by the General Executive Board to publish letters from missionaries, circulars relating to the various Bureaus, and kindred matter that will help auxiliaries sustain their interest in our work; sending such information out upon application, for use in Conference, District, and Auxiliary meetings.

2. The Recording Secretary, with the advice of the Corresponding Secretary, shall give to the public, through the Church papers, a condensed report of such proceedings of each meeting of the General Executive Board as will be of interest to our workers or to the general public.

VI.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the Society, must furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1.) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church; (2.) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3.) Good health; (4.) Educational fitness; (5.) Ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6.) Aptness to teach.

They shall give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

1. Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a Home Missionary?

2. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ, our Lord?

3. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church as set forth in Part I, Chapter I, of the Discipline?

4. Have you a thorough English Education?
5. In what schools have you taught, and with what success?
6. Have you knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?
7. What are your domestic relations?
8. A missionary shall receive her traveling expenses from her home to her field of labor, also her return expenses, when she is recalled by the General Executive Board, and her salary from the time of her arrival in her field. She shall also be allowed an amount not exceeding five dollars for postage.

VII.

AMENDMENTS.

1. These By-laws may be amended or suspended at the Annual Meeting of the Society.

BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD.

[NOTE.—Under the laws of incorporation, of the State of Ohio, a majority of the members of the body incorporated constitutes a quorum. Therefore eleven is the legal quorum of the Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.]

1. The meetings of the Executive Board shall be held the last Saturday of each month. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman and Corresponding Secretary, due notice being given.

2. A quarterly meeting shall be held the last Saturday in January, April, and September, at such places as the Board shall designate. Written Reports shall be presented by the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of the Bureaus, and the Chairman of the Standing Committees.

3. The Recording Secretary shall notify each member of the time and place of all meetings, regular and special.

4. The Executive Board shall organize by the election of a Chairman, a Secretary of the Bureau of Organization, and the requisite Standing Committees, at its first meeting next succeeding the Annual Meeting.

5. The Executive Board shall appoint a Business Committee of seven, to consist of the Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and four other members of the Board, with power to transact business for the Board in the intervals of the monthly meetings. This committee shall report all its action at the regular meeting next succeeding such action.

6. Corresponding Secretaries of Conference Societies, in attendance upon any meeting of the Executive Board, shall be entitled to a seat and a vote.

7. The Order of Business and Rules of Debate shall be as follows: (1.) Singing, reading of Scriptures, prayer; (2.) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (3.) Reports of Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretaries of the Bureaus, Standing Committees; (4.) Reports of Special Committees; (5.) Unfinished business; (6.) Resolutions for discussion shall be presented in writing; (7.) Ladies speaking shall rise and address the chair.

8. There shall be the following Standing Committees: (1.) Business; (2.) Beneficiaries; (3.) Missionary Candidates; (4.) Annual Meeting (5.) Publication; (6.) Stationery; (7.) Leaflets; (8.) "Home Missions;" (9.) Missionary Intelligence; (10.) Union of Societies; (11.) Training School; (12.) Transportation; (13.) Mite boxes.

9. These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the General Executive Board, notice of the desired change having been given at the preceding meeting. They may be suspended at any regular meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1.—The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Societies shall call meetings of the Executive Board when the exigencies of the work demand it, and shall also determine the date and place of the Annual Meeting, and arrange for Anniversary exercises, unless these items have been provided for by previous action at the Annual Meeting.

2.—The programme for the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society shall include reports from the Recording and the Corresponding Secretaries, and the Treasurer, the election of officers, and of a delegate and alternate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

3.—Order of Business: (1.) Devotional Exercises; (2.) Introduction of Delegates; (3.) Appointment of Committees; (4.) Reading of Minutes of last Meeting; (5.) Report of Treasurer; (6.) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (7.) Report of District officers; (8.) Reports of Committees; (9.) Unfinished and Miscellaneous Business; (10.) Election of officers.

4.—Each District Manager shall present a list of the full names of her delegation to the Recording Secretary.

5.—The Standing Committees shall be appointed as follows: (1.) Annual Meeting; (2.) Nomination of Officers; (3.) By-laws; (4.) Woman's Home Missions.

6.—The Committee on Annual Meeting shall consist of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Manager of the District in which the meeting is to be held.

7.—The Committee on Nominations shall consist of the Managers of the several Districts. Vacancies in this Committee may be filled by vote of the Annual Meeting. When delegates from five auxiliaries or more in a District are present they may constitute a committee to nominate a Vice-president and a Manager for that District. Vacancies in the District offices may be filled *ad interim* by the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

8.—Every District containing more than ten auxiliaries shall be entitled to elect one delegate; more than twenty, two; and greater numbers in the same ratio. These delegates shall be elected at a District meeting held prior to the Annual Meeting.

9.—The duty of the District Vice-president shall be to have general supervision of the work in her District. She shall confer and co-operate with the Manager in organizing and visiting the work; preside at the District meetings, and endeavor to secure the favor and aid of the presiding elder and pastors. She shall report her work to the Manager, who is Secretary of the District.

10.—The duty of the District Manager shall be to confer and co-operate with the Vice-president in the organization of Auxiliaries, Young Ladies Societies, and Juvenile Bands; to correspond with and visit them, to arrange for public meetings, to send out blank reports, receive them when filled, and forward a report December 15th, March 15th, June 15th, and September 15th to the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Conference Society.

11.—It shall be the duty of the District officers, when practicable, to hold a public meeting or convention of the auxiliaries and friends in each

District once each quarter, for the purpose of awakening and sustaining the interests of the work within the Districts, and of promoting the general interests of the Society.

12.—While the object of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is to promote the cause of Christ in this country, and while it hopes to enlist every member in Christian effort, and thus to strengthen the Church in our own land, its work is purely missionary. Hence membership dues and other moneys donated for missionary purposes can not be used for local needs.

13.—Auxiliaries will have credit in the general reports only for moneys sent to the general treasury, to be used in the appropriations of the Board of Managers, or by direction of the Executive Board in mission sections of this country.

14.—It is earnestly recommended that a contingent fund be provided for by all the auxiliaries to meet the necessary expenses incurred in carrying forward the work and organization of the Society.

15.—These By-laws may be changed at any meeting of the Conference Society by a two-thirds vote, provided there be present a quorum of the Executive Board and delegates from five auxiliaries or more, and provided the changes are in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Woman's Home Missionary Society of ———, Auxiliary to the ——— Conference Society of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the elevation and evangelization of needy and destitute women and children in our own land, and in raising funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of two cents per week, or one dollar per year, may become a member of this Society, and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be constituted a life member.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three or more Vice-presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

ART. 5. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held ——— of each month. The Anniversary Meeting shall be on the ——— day of ———, when the Annual Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

ART. 6. This Constitution and the accompanying By-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present—notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests.

2.—It shall be the duty of the Vice-president to perform the duty of

the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3.—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, to send reports quarterly to the Conference Secretary, and, in the absence of such an officer, to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Society in Cincinnati, of the condition and work of the Society.

5.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and to send the same quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, and in the absence of such an officer, to the Treasurer of the General Society in Cincinnati.

6.—ORDER OF EXERCISES FOR MONTHLY MEETING :

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| (1.) Devotional Exercises. | (5.) Report of Corresponding Secretary. |
| (2.) Reading and approval of Minutes | (6.) Unfinished business. |
| (3.) Reports from members of work done. | (7.) Miscellaneous business. |
| (4.) Report of Treasurer, in writing. | (8.) Adjournment. |

7.—Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase the general missionary intelligence and zeal in the special work of this Society.

8.—There shall be a Standing Committee of three, to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for the monthly and quarterly meetings.

9.—Each lady connected with this Society shall try to induce others to become members, and shall do what she can to add to the general interest; remembering in prayer each day the Society, its workers, schools, orphans, and missionaries.

CONSTITUTION FOR JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called the ——— Mission Band of ——— Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Society is to interest the children and youth of the Church in missionary work in our own land, and to secure their help in carrying it forward.

ARTICLE III.

This Society, by virtue of its voluntary obligations to render material help in various departments of the work, shall be recognized as a lawful adjunct to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall make reports thereto.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this Society shall be an adult lady Director, whose duty it shall be to take charge of and direct the Society, a President, four or more Vice-presidents, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usual to such officers.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. Any child or young person, with consent of parents or guardian, may become a member of this Society, by paying yearly twenty-five cents as membership fee.

SEC. 2. This Society may hold fairs, give concerts, or other entertainments, carry on industrial schools, or use any methods for securing funds that are in harmony with Christian usages and the rules of our Church.

SEC. 3. This Society may choose either to support a beneficiary, furnish Sunday-school supplies, or to assist in any department it may desire; but the location of the work chosen must be decided by the Executive Board of the Conference Society or of the General Society.

SEC. 4. This Society can only have connection with the Woman's Home Missionary Society by contributing directly to its work in the field, and may only have credit in the reports of the General Society for money paid into the general treasury.

SEC. 5. The Annual Meeting of this Society for the election of officers shall be held on ———.

SEC. 6. This Constitution can only be altered or amended by the Executive Board of the General Society which framed it. Petitions for change may be made in writing, stating reasons for such request, and bearing the signature of all the officers of the Society.

BY-LAWS FOR JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

1. The meetings of this Society shall be held on——— of every———.

2. A committee on Music, consisting of three or five members (at least one adult), shall be appointed for one month or more, whose duty it shall be to provide suitable music for the meetings.

3. The Society shall be divided into bands of ten (more or less, as seems advisable), according to ages, each of which shall be supervised by one of the Vice-presidents, who shall sit with them at the meetings, keep a record of names, ages, conduct, money paid, and report the same at each meeting.

4. The Vice-presidents shall each in turn be responsible for the entertainment of the meeting, by securing speeches, dialogues, quartettes, etc., from their bands, and by obtaining the aid of adults as needed. And, together with the Director and the Committee on Music, they shall prepare a programme before each meeting for the use of the President.

5. ORDER OF EXERCISE FOR REGULAR MEETING:

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| (1.) Devotional Exercises. | (5.) Report of Bands. |
| (2.) Reading and approval of Minutes. | (6.) Unfinished and Miscellaneous Business. |
| (3.) Report of Treasurer. | (7.) Programme. |
| (4.) Report of Corresponding Secretary. | (8.) Adjournment. |

ADDENDA.

At the meeting of the Executive Board held January 30th, the following changes were made :

Mrs. W. A. INGHAM presented her resignation as Secretary of the Bureau for Alaska ; and Mrs. L. H. DAGGETT, of Boston, Mass., was elected in her place.

A BUREAU FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Was created as follows :

Mrs. W. A. INGHAM, Secretary, 203 Franklin Ave., Cleveland, O.

Mrs. LUCY W. HAYES, Fremont, O. " N. C. ALGER, Warren, N. H. Miss EDA M. PIERCE, 1616 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. Miss JENNIE M. BINGHAM, Lowville, N. Y.	Miss LILLIAN MASSEY, Toronto, Ontario. Mrs. RUSSELL B. POPE, Cleveland, O. " HENRY WADE ROGERS, Ann Arbor, Mich. " E. E. MARCY, Evanston, Ill. " D. G. STRONG, Walla Walla, W. T.
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BUREAU FOR ALASKA.

Mrs. L. H. DAGGETT, Secretary, 287 Bunker Hill St., Boston, Mass.

Mrs. E. E. MARCY, Evanston, Ill. " H. W. ROGERS, Ann Arbor, Mich.	Mrs. S. L. GRACEY, East Cambridge, Mass. " N. C. ALGER, Warren, N. H.
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POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE MISSIONARY TO THE INDIANS.

Mrs. F. T. GADDIS, Pawnee Agency, Indian Territory (via Arkansas City, Kansas).

ERRATA.

On page 2 the residence of Mrs. R. DYMOND should read 504 *West Sixth Street, Cincinnati, O.*

On page 2 the residence of Mrs. W. F. THORNE should read 506 *West Sixth Street, Cincinnati, O.*

Wherever the name of the teacher for the Scandinavians in Utah occurs it should read *Saugstad*.

NOTICE.

THE fiscal year of this Society closes on the 15th day of October, and remittances which are to be acknowledged among the receipts of the year must reach the Treasurer on or before that day.

Treasurers of Conference Societies are urged to forward the funds which come into their hands to the General Treasurer by the date indicated above ; and also to send information concerning the decease of Life Members, that the proper corrections may be made in the Annual Report.

Treasurers of Auxiliary Societies are earnestly requested to send promptly all moneys to the Treasurers of the Conference Societies by the 15th day of September, as specified in the By-laws for Auxiliaries.

Secretaries of Conference Societies and Chairmen of the Standing Committees are urgently desired to make their reports for the Annual Meeting concise, and *brief as possible* ; and to write them in a plain hand upon only one side of the paper, so that they will not have to be re-copied for publication in the Annual Report.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

BEQUEST—(*Personal Estate*)—*I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of*
and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

DEVISE—(*Real Estate*)—*I give and devise to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the following lands and premises, that is to say:.....*
....., to have and to hold or dispose of the same with the appurtenances to the said Society, its successors, and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Notice should be given promptly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society of all Bequests and Devises.

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